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ARMED ROBBERY IN CITY.

HAUL OF OVER \$5,000 IN CHINESE SHOP.

POLICE ARREST TWO MEN AT STEAMER WHARE.

A WELL-LAID SCHEME.

Remarkable daring and resource were displayed by three armed robbers who tied up the forks of a shop in the heart of the city last night, forced the safe, and decamped with cash totalling over \$5,000.

The Hung Hing Company, piecegoods dealers of 129 Queen's Road Central, were the firm victimised, and it is revealed this morning that the whole affair was carefully organised and only prompt police action prevented complete success. The robbers entered the premises shortly after 9 o'clock, and stayed about 35 minutes.

Elaborate precautionary measures were adopted by the thieves with a view to getting a fair start, but within half an hour of notification, the police had effected the arrest of two men, believed to have been in the gang concerned. They were endeavouring to leave the Colony by the s.s. Charles Hardouin, it is alleged, but were identified on the wharf by foks from the shop.

THIEVES POSE AS MERCHANTS.

A preliminary visit had been minutes succeeded in their efforts. paid to the shop in order to get the telephone having been cut, lie of the land, according to information gathered by a Telegraph representative this morning. This visit was paid about 7 p.m., when large crowd gathered outside the the men were negotiating ostensibly shop, and in a few minutes, news for the purchase of cloth lengths, in of the affair reached the Central the course of which they made a Police Station, Chief Detective, complete round of the different departments of the shop. Before leaving, they ordered goods to the value of \$105.30.

Previously, they had hinted that they were traders, and wanted the cloth for the purpose of sending it to the interior of China. They said they were going to take a look at the other piecegoods shops, and when all their purchases were made, they would return to Hung Hing to take delivery of what they had selected.

The Hung Hing Company closes at nine o'clock, and last night, just after the shutters had been put up and the doors were about to be closed, the men returned to the shop and said they wanted to pay for what they had selected earlier in the day. Although it was past the closing hour, the men were admitted to the place as they were recognised by the assistant who had attended them earlier.

Revolvers Produced.

On entering, two of the three men immediately produced revolvers, and the third man proceeded to close the door from the inside, also closing all the windows. He then produced a revolver as well. The next thing the robbers did was to cut the telephone wires.

There were eight foks in the shop at the time, and they were all tied up and pushed into the manager's office at the back of the shop. The robbers then took the keys from the manager, and after also tying him up, pushed him amongst the others. A quantity of piecegoods was then placed against the door of the manager's office, so that if the men should be able to free themselves, they would still have difficulty in getting out of the room.

A systematic ransacking of the premises followed, the robbers forcing open a safe and stealing \$4,200 in Hongkong banknotes. In another part of the shop, they came across \$100 in five cent pieces, which had been kept there for the purposes of furnishing change in the case of small purchases.

The daily takings of the shop, which were being counted when the intruders broke in, were also taken, the estimated amount being \$900.

Robbers Depart.

At 9.45 the robbers left with their haul of approximately \$5,200. In all they were at the shop for thirty five minutes. When the foks in the manager's room heard their departure, they attempted to free themselves, and after a few

HONGKONG STRIKERS PAID OFF.

NEW PROVISION BY CANTON GOVERNMENT.

LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT.

A Canton correspondent reports that the Bureau of Public Safety has published six new rules having to do with the paying-off of the Hongkong-Canton strikers.

For one thing, \$10 is to be given to each member of the strikers' families. Everyone who is now living in strikers' dormitories will get free transportation when he or she returns to the country, and while the rule does not say as much, it is understood that several Hongkong steamers, and the train, will take strikers free if they desire to go back to the Crown Colony.

A memorial hall is to be erected, it is announced, in honour of those who left their work when the strike was started.

The validity of the licenses given by the strike committee to many of its members, permitting them to conduct street stands, will be recognized for a further period of one year.

To find work for the idle strikers, an employment bureau is to be opened. In the event of any of the strikers wishing to go into business, only half of the usual license tax will be collected from them.

SPAIN AND BRITAIN.

THE RECENT CONVERSATIONS.

London, Nov. 14. Sir Austen Chamberlain, in the House of Commons made a statement regarding his recent conversation in Spain with the Spanish Premier.

He said: "When the Spanish Premier learned that my short holiday would be spent in Spanish waters, he was good enough to offer to come to any convenient port to meet me and I warmly welcomed this opportunity of making the acquaintance of the distinguished head of the Spanish Government, who is also Foreign Minister. Our conversation was of the most friendly but also of the most informal character. In the course of it, I expressed the hope that Spain would resume her former full and valuable co-operation in the work of the League of Nations and we discussed among other things the question of Tangier on which conversations are proceeding between France and Spain; the results of which are to be reported to us when concluded."

NEW SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL.

ANOTHER BIG AMERICAN DONATION.

New York, Nov. 14. The railway magnate, Mr. Edward Harkness, has subscribed another \$300,000 towards the American million dollar fund towards the proposed new Shakespeare memorial theatre at Stratford-on-Avon, which now amounts to \$3,660,000, leaving \$334,000 still to be subscribed in the United States.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NOT PROVEN.

ALLEGED PLOTTER ACQUITTED.

Bukharest, Nov. 14. Manolescu has been acquitted.—*Reuter.*

Manolescu was charged in connection with an alleged plot to restore Prince Carol to the Rumanian throne.

R.A.F. FLYING BOATS.

ARRIVAL IN PERSIAN GULF.

Bushire, Nov. 14. The Royal Air Force flying boats, on the way to Australia via Singapore, have arrived at Henjam Island, in the Persian Gulf, from Bushire.—*Reuter.*

BIAS BAY LAIRS.

HONGKONG'S REQUEST TO CANTON.

NO CO-OPERATION YET.

London, Nov. 14. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Wellock, Capt. the Hon. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, stated that the Hongkong Government had repeatedly made representations to the authorities at Canton urging them to eradicate the Bias Bay pirates, and offering co-operation.

A reply had been received alleging that the pirates had their headquarters in Hongkong and elsewhere, and a list of names had been supplied to the Government of Hongkong, but this unfortunately had proved of no real value.

The activities of the Canton Government's anti-piracy commissioner had hitherto been nugatory. The Hongkong Government had invited the Canton Government to

THE CRAWLEY CASE.

Widder Charged in Consular Court.

Shanghai, Nov. 15. Elly Widder was formally charged to-day in the Swiss Consular Court on charges of fraud, forgery and the destruction of documents.

Crawley, who has already been sentenced in connexion with charges of fraud concerning an arms deal with General Yang Sen, was examined before his departure for America, where he has to serve his sentence, but the nature of his declarations has not yet been disclosed.

Widder, who collapsed in the Gao Compound some days ago, seriously injuring his jaw, is now under the doctor's care.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

INDIANS IN THE U.S.A.

CENSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

LABOUR DEMAND AT COAL DEBATE.

London, Nov. 14. A Labourite motion of censure of the Government, sponsored by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, will come up in the coal industry debate on November 16.

The motion charges the Government with neglecting the questions of distress and unemployment among the miners, and demands immediate action to secure efficient organisation of the industry and deals with the embarrassing condition of the local relief authorities, and the treatment of a vast number of miners who are employed on short time, or who are out of work.—*Reuter.*

INDIANS IN THE U.S.A.

CANCELLATION OF CITIZENSHIP.

London, Nov. 14. Lord Winterston, the Under Secretary for India, was asked how many Indians had lost their American citizenship under the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States.

He said that according to the Government of India's information, the United States Court had cancelled naturalisation in about thirty cases. The whole matter was receiving the attention of the Government of India, and of His Majesty's Government.—*British Wireless.*

ARBITRATION WITH AMERICA.

RENEWAL OF TREATY PROPOSED.

London, Nov. 14. The Foreign Secretary was asked in the House of Commons whether negotiations had been initiated for the conclusion of an arbitration treaty between Britain and the United States, to replace the present treaty, which expires next year.

He replied that the renewal of the Arbitration Convention of 1908 was at present under discussion with the British Overseas Dominions.—*British Wireless.*

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NANKING CONTROLS WUHAN.

COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF OPPOSITION.

BRITISH MARINES TO REMAIN AT POOTUNG.

NORTHERNERS CHECKED.

Following on the report of General Tang Seng-chi's flight from Hankow, it is announced that General Ho Chien's troops have evacuated Hanyang. The Nanking vanguards are now marching across country to Wuchang which they are expected to enter to-day.

The Nanking colours are now being flown in Hankow, although the main body of troops has not yet arrived. There is little fear of further trouble but Japanese and French forces have been landed for the protection of their Concessions.

It is now reported that the reinforcements which the Nationalists recently sent to the northern front have halted the advance of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and that the Northerners are apparently content to hold their positions.

Various questions were asked in the House of Commons yesterday regarding aspects of the China situation, Sir Austen Chamberlain defending the maintenance of British marine guards in the Pootung district of Shanghai. It is announced that the Queen's Regiment is not yet to be moved to Malta.

QUEEN'S REGIMENT TO STAY HERE.

Shanghai, Nov. 15. Government has sent a telegram to the forces on the Hupeh front praising them for their successes, and asking them to do their best in maintaining order in the Wuhan cities. The telegram assures the troops that Hupeh and Hunan will be completely under control very shortly if the military forces continue their valuable services, and co-operation with each other.

Prior to his departure from Wuhan, General Tang Seng-chi ordered that the military administration in Hupeh should be entrusted to General Ho Chien, while that of Hunan be entrusted to General Liu Hsing.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

NANKING CONTROLS HANKOW.

New Colours Flying.

Hankow, Nov. 14. Although the main body of troops has yet to occupy Hankow, the Nanking colours are being flown from all the principal buildings and by shopkeepers.

Little apprehension of further trouble exists, but precautionary measures have been taken and all the special administrative districts—the ex-Russian, ex-German, and ex-British Concessions—have been put in a state of defence.

The Japanese and French have what the Northerners being landed forces for the protection of their Concessions in the event of trouble arising.

The troops loyal to Nanking, which were at Shashi, have now been moved down river to Chenglin.

The Yangtze situation generally appears to be settling itself, the adherents of Nanking having control for practically the entire length.—*Naval Wireless.*

THE WUHAN DEFEAT.

Nanking's Definite Success.

Shanghai, Nov. 15. A Hankow telegram just to hand states that the Nanking troops have occupied the Wuhan cities, and that Tang Seng-chi's forces have fled in disorder to Yochow. There is not likely to be any further fighting in Hankow, where conditions are gradually returning to normal.

According to information obtained from the Nanking Military Headquarters, the remnants of General Tang's army are making offers for unconditional surrender. A letter message states that the Nanking troops from Wuchang have captured Yocheng.

Generals Ching Chien and Li Chung-jen have left Kihkiang for Hankow, with a large force of troops. It is believed that when these Nanking military leaders arrive, the situation in Wuhan will become more stabilized.

Navy Takes Part.

Admiral Chen Shao-foon has reported to Nanking that the Navy has captured Hwangchow.

The Nanking Nationalist Gov-

NORTHERN ADVANCE CHECKED.

Fighting Slackens off.

Nanking, Nov. 14. It appears from reports received that the reinforcements have brought about a check in the advance of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's troops down the Pukow-Tientsin Railway.

Fighting has slackened somewhat, the Northerners being content at present to hold their positions. The 22nd Division has now been ordered to the Pukow side. Two steel-covered wagons were sent across with them, but an accident occurred with a third, the vehicle falling into the river while it was being shipped.—*Naval Wireless.*

QUEEN'S TO STAY.

Malta Move Cancelled.

Malta, Nov. 14. It has been decided that the First Battalion of the Queen's Royal Regiment (the West Surrey) will not be moved from Malta.—*Reuter.*

POOTUNG GUARD.

Marines to Remain.

London, Nov. 14. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. S. P. Viant (Labour), who suggested the withdrawal of the British Marines from the Pootung district of Shanghai, Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised that the Government intended to maintain in China, wherever possible, the elementary right of protection of British property.

The British Consul General and General Duncan considered the retention of the guard still essential, and they would not be withdrawn so long as any danger existed.—*Reuter.*

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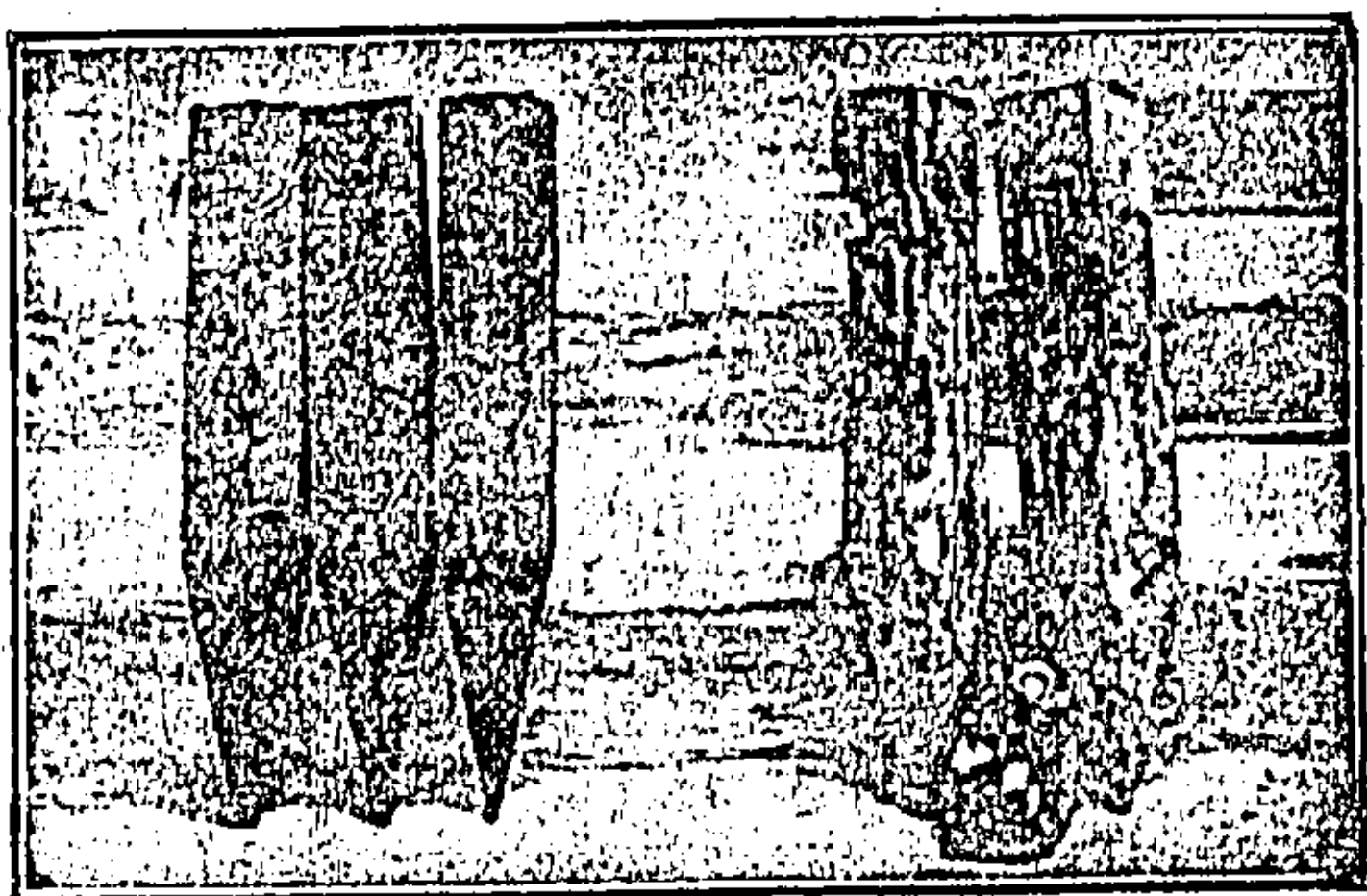
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PENANG HOSPITAL.

NOTHING TO JUSTIFY
SCANDAL.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Hugh Clifford), presiding on the occasion of the lecture by Dr. Wu Lien Teh at the College of Medicine at Singapore, referred to the recent criticisms of conditions at the Penang General Hospital.

Before introducing Dr. Wu to his audience, His Excellency said: "There is one word that I am rather anxious to say, not only to you who are here to-day, but to the larger public who will read what is said in the newspapers: The enterprising journalists of this country will, I feel sure, forgive me if I suggest that they have been rather premature in stereotyping as their headline: 'The Hospital Scandal in Penang.' Scandal is a very serious word, and I know nothing that has occurred in Penang that justifies the use of that term."

The report made by the Committee at the end of June last happened to be placed in my hands as I was in Penang, within 48 hours of its receipt by the Resident Councillor, and before it had been 12 hours in my hands I personally inspected every cranny of the much-discussed hospital. I have no hesitation in saying that the Hospital in Penang left a great deal to be desired, and if one compared it with the palatial residence for the sick that has been erected in Singapore it, of course, became a very distressing object of examination.

Youth's Indiscretion.

Two young medical officers, with the zeal proper to their age, and the discretion which one expects from youth, wrote two rather hysterical essays on the subject of the Hospital. I am not going to repeat the old adage about the had workmen complaining of their tools, because from what I know of these two young gentlemen, they are very good workmen indeed. But I, who have been inspecting hospitals on and off for my sins for the last 35 years, made a mental note of all their statements and went over the Hospital with them. There is a great deal in Penang Hospital which I should like to see altered. In fact, I should like to see Penang Hospital swept away and another one, not on quite such a grandiose scale as that which has been built in Singapore, erected in its stead. But I saw nothing there that justified in any way the expression "scandal." I saw a hospital which is certainly not in accordance with the standing of such a town as Penang, the northern of the three Settlements. But I saw nothing which was dangerous to the health of the inmates, and as for appliances, no doubt they are not on the scale of those to which we are now becoming used in Singapore, but they were on a scale which would be regarded as fairly satisfactory in most Colonial hospitals throughout the British Empire. There were certain structural alterations to which attention was drawn, and I then and there gave instructions to have the necessary plans and estimates got out.

Documents to be Published.

The documents in connexion with this controversy are not, unfortunately, the property of my Government. They belong to the Hospitals Board, but I very earnestly hope that the Hospitals Board will lose no time in causing them to be published, so that the general public may read for themselves exactly what the criticisms were, when I feel sure that they will agree that there is nothing that need cause any alarm to the people in Penang, either for themselves or for those of their relatives who have, unfortunately, made a temporary sojourn in the Hospital.

The Principal Civil Medical Officer (Dr. A. L. Hoops), who

CONSULATE ROW.

SEQUEL TO THE ATTACK ON
COMMUNISTS.

K. Alronsky, a Czech-Slovak of no fixed abode, was charged before Judge Li and Mr. Meinhardt, Senior Consul's Deputy, in the Provisional Court at Shanghai, for conducting himself in a disorderly manner whilst drunk in front of the Soviet Consulate at 7.25 p.m. on Wednesday.

P. C. Craik stated that accused was staggering about in the vicinity and attempted to throw stones at the windows of the Consulate. He was cautioned and told to go away, but he walked a few steps, then picked up more stones and threw them at the door of the building. It was only after a hard struggle that he was arrested.

Accused admitted the charge but pleaded that he was so much under the influence of liquor that he did not know what he was doing.

The Judge fined him \$3, or three days' imprisonment.

Dalbank Windows Smashed.

The Dalbank on Szechuan Road was attacked by a small band of "White" Russians on Tuesday night of last week, who smashed the windows of that institution. No other damage was done. The bank is now being guarded by Municipal Police.

The police were unable to make arrests in connexion with the Dalbank incident as, by the time they had been notified and had arrived on the scene, the "Whites" had made good their escape.

Mr. Koslovsky, the Soviet Consul-General, it is understood, has addressed a note of protest to Mr. Quo Tai-chi, who will in due course forward it to the Consular Body. Members of the Soviet Consulate have been given permission to carry arms within the International Settlement and special protection is now provided the Soviet Consulate.

SOLOMON ISLES.

REBELLIOUS TRIBE REPORT-
ED TO BE HEMMED IN.

Sydney, Nov. 14.

The personnel of the naval supply ship, who have returned from the Solomon Isles, foreshadow the early return of the cruiser Adelaide and declare that the volunteers and antagonistic natives have practically hemmed in the rebellious tribe. *Reuter.*

BUSINESS CREDIT.

PRESERVING OUTLETS FOR
EXPORTS.

New York, Nov. 14.

The Committee of the National Association of Credit Men (advisers to business firms on questions of credit) has passed a resolution urging American merchants to extend reasonable credit to reputable foreign houses so as to preserve outlets for exports. *Reuter's American Service.*

also spoke at this afternoon's function, made the following reference to the criticisms: I see that other members of the Hospitals Board besides myself are present and I would like to thank His Excellency the Governor for what he has said on the subject of Penang Hospital, and for the advice he has given to us. I would also like to say that I have circulated the Hospitals Board to ask the permission of the individual members to publish that Penang report with my comments on it and with a statement of what the Government has done and is doing; and I hope that within a very few days that report will be published.

CHINA SAFEGUARDS.

POWERFUL PLEA FOR
STRENGTHENING.

London, Nov. 14.

A plea against the weakening of existing safeguards in China is made in a letter which is given prominence in *The Times* with an influential list of signatories, headed by Lord Southborough and Mr. L. N. Leefe and including representatives of the Chambers of Commerce, the Federation of British Industries, and Chinese traders, declaring that until Chinese nationalism is able to furnish more evidence of constructive and administrative capacity the safeguards to British trade ought not further to be weakened.

It calls attention to the ill-effects of the dissolution of the concession at Hankow and expresses the opinion that safeguards represented by other concessions ought to be maintained and the negotiations for changes of status of the concession at Tientsin discontinued while other safeguards like extraterritoriality, the foreign administration of the customs, the rights and facilities regarding the sale and purchase of goods in the interior and the riverine coastal carrying trade should be upheld. It declares that the abandonment of these safeguards and rights would be more dangerous for British trade even than a boycott.

A Liberal Policy.

The signatories think that the retention of the safeguards leaves ample scope for the prosecution of a liberal policy toward China and for the Chinese nationalists, and for nationalism to prove its qualities. They favour increases in import tariff provided the increases are borne by the nationals of other powers and favour the recommendations of the Extraterritoriality Commission, including taxation, though the present state of the Provisional Court at Shanghai is a disappointing augury for further similar experiments.

They favour inviting the Chinese in Shanghai to share foreign administrative responsibilities and finally consider that the present condition of the former British concession at Hankow menaces British property and persons. The only way to remove the menace is for the British Government to administer the former concession until the Chinese are willing and able to carry out the "Cheer-O'Malley" agreement. *Reuter.*

VICTORIA DIOCESE.

UNSETTLEMENT HOLDS UP
PROJECTED DIVISION.

In a recent letter addressed to the Victoria Diocesan Association the Bishop of Victoria said:—You will have heard by this time that the Rev. Alfred Swann has been appointed to succeed Mr. Moyle, and you will know that I have asked him to be Dean and Archdeacon for English work.

This is not the time or place to refer to the debt we owe to Mr. Moyle for his fifteen years of unflinching service among us. I wish that the change of status of the Senior Chaplain of the Cathedral could have been made in Mr. Moyle's time, if only as a recognition of the work he has done. But, before taking this, and other steps, it seemed wise to take counsel with the authorities here.

Since Archdeacon Barnett's enforced and unexpected retirement two years ago this and other questions of Diocesan arrangement have been much in my thoughts. For instance, had it been possible, I should like to have seen the Diocese divided. The general unsettlement has made the situation unusually complicated and naturally holds up projected action in many directions.

OBITUARY.

ONE OF HONGKONG'S OLDEST
RESIDENTS.

The death occurred at the Matilda Hospital yesterday of Robert Crisp Hurley, aged 79.

The late Mr. Hurley was probably the oldest resident in Hongkong, arriving here in 1870 as an accountant for Messrs. Sale and Co. (now Lane Crawford).

After a few years with Messrs. Sale, Mr. Hurley worked with different establishments in the Colony and eventually became a guide for Messrs. Thos. Cook and Sons, taking visitors to the Far East all over Kwangtung and other parts of China, as well as over Manchuria, Japan, and the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Hurley is the author of two guide books on the Far East. One of these, he wrote about twenty years ago for Messrs. Thos. Cook's and the other was written a few years later for the American Express Company. In 1924, he wrote an elaborate history and description of Hongkong under the title of "Picturesque Hongkong."

Recently Mr. Hurley was in the Government Service being attached to the Government Analyst's office. He was in indifferent health during the last two years and had been "laid up" on and off for some time. He leaves two sisters in East Grinstead, England to mourn his loss.

The funeral will pass the Manumet at 5 p.m. to-day to the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

GOLD CHAIN LOST.

CHINESE STOKER CHARGED
WITH THEFT.

Alleged to have found a gold chain attached to a football medal, a Chinese stoker of H. M. launch No. 68, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged with theft. Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the defence.

It appeared from the evidence that the complainant, Sergeant Edgar Leach, R. A., was returning with a party from Stonecutters one day last week when during the journey he discovered that his chain was missing. Enquiries were made and Sergeant Woods, informed the complainant that he had seen the stoker with the article in his hands. On going to the engine room the chain was found on a shelf.

The defence was a complete denial that the defendant ever had the chain in his possession.

His Worship, intimating that Sergeant Woods should have made known the fact that the defendant had the chain, found that there was insufficient evidence to convict and the defendant was discharged.

BOARDING INJURY.

COOLIE'S ATTEMPT MEETS
WITH FAILURE.

Despite the warnings which have been issued by the authorities, and the announcements which have emphasized the dangers of attempting to board vessels before they have definitely berthed, another accident occurred when the s.s. Pashan was coming alongside yesterday afternoon.

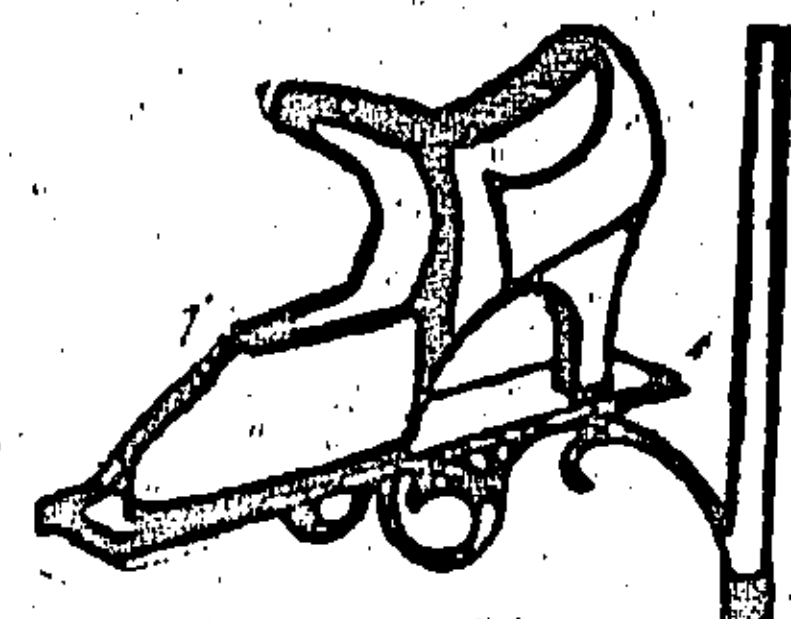
The wharf was as usual crowded with coolies engaged in transferring fish and luggage, all of whom made attempts to board before the vessel was berthed. One unfortunate coolie, in attempting to jump from the wharf to the ship, misjudged the distance, with the result that he fell across an iron girder and sustained severe injuries to the groin.

The R.S.P.C.A. Inspector, on duty called an ambulance and the victim was conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition.

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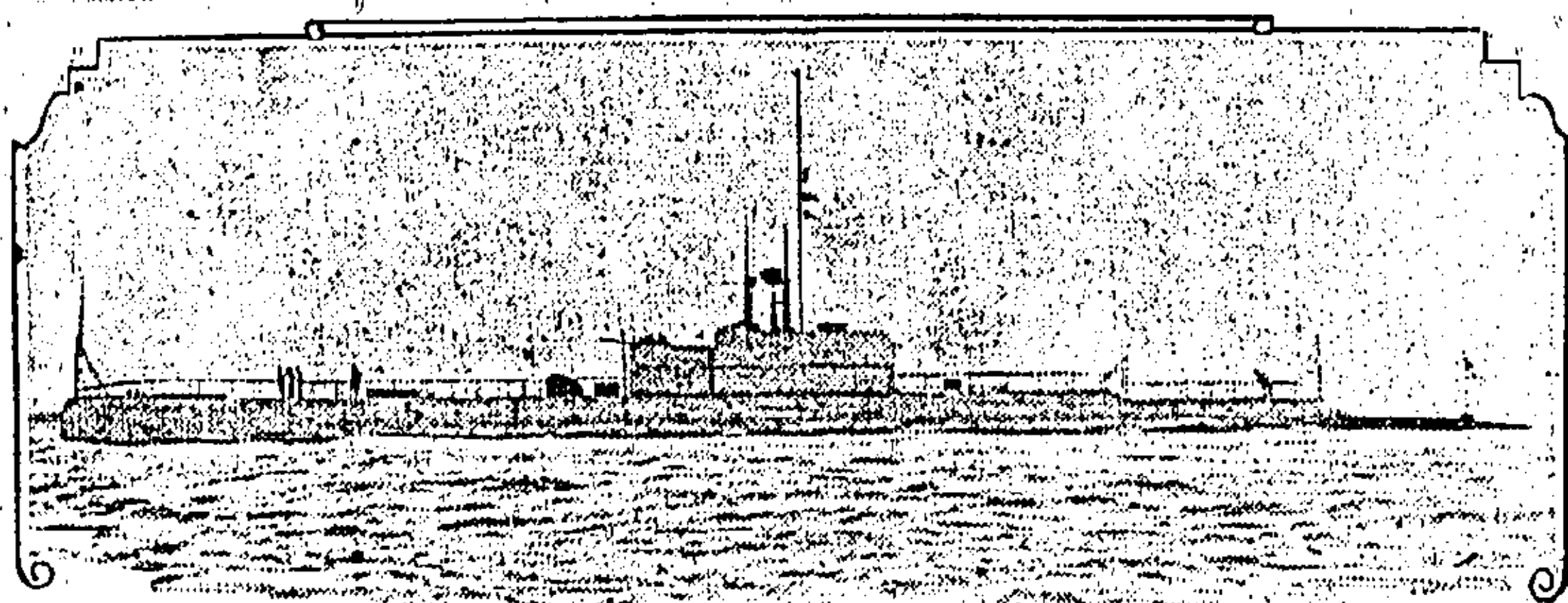
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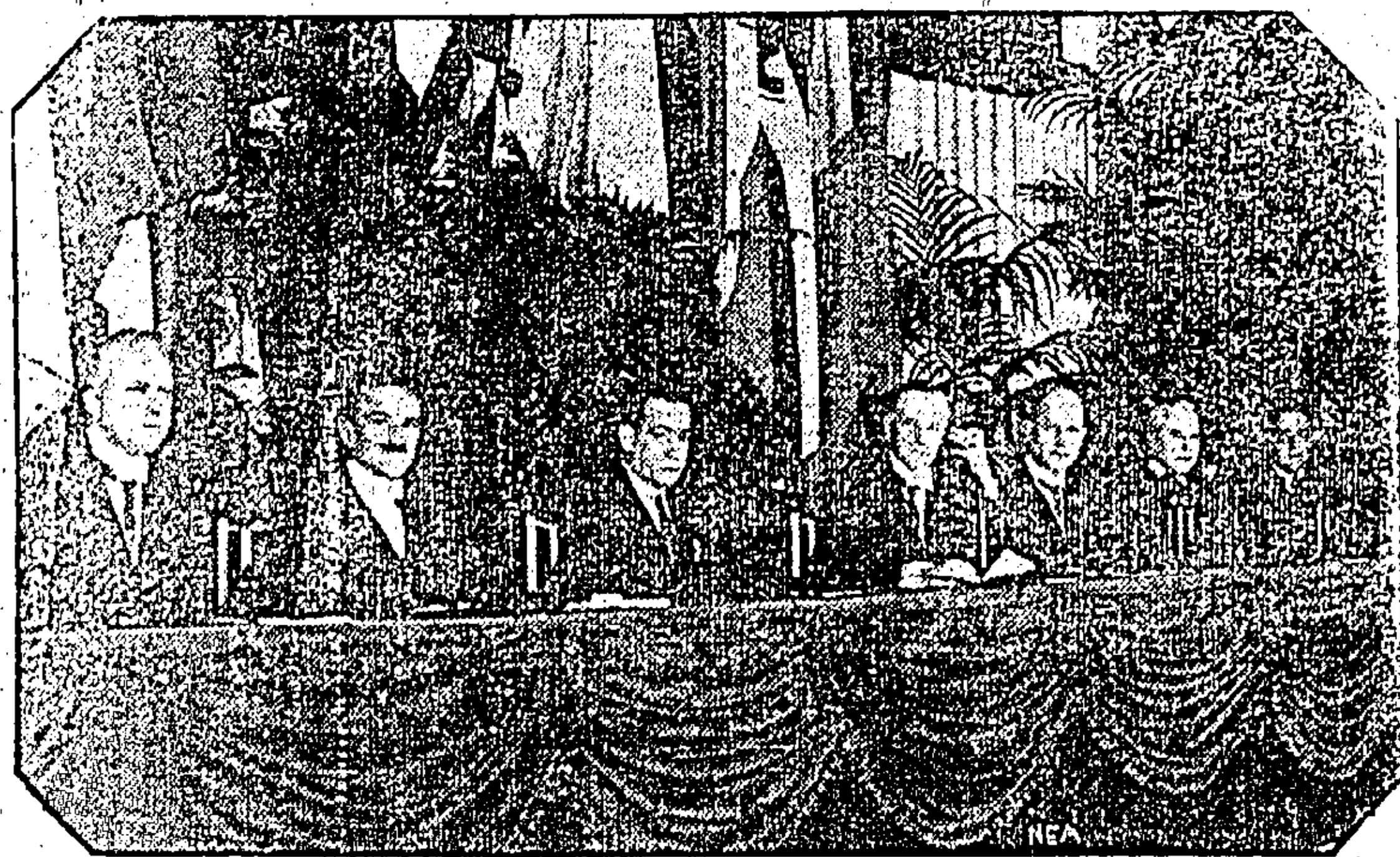
TRANS-ATLANTIC ATTEMPT.—Here is the monoplane in which Captain R. H. MacIntosh and Commandant Fitzmaurice of the Irish Free State air force, hopped off at Baldonnel aerodrome, near Dublin, their destination America, but they had to put back owing to bad weather.



GIANT SUBMARINE.—This picture represents the newest note in submarine construction. It is a view of the recently completed British super-submarine Oberon, as it entered the harbour at Portsmouth.



MUSIC MAKERS IN THE NAVY.—The band of the H. M. S. Carlisle, Concert Party, which is without doubt one of the strongest factors in the success of the entertainments put up by the party.



LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE.—President Coolidge fourth from the left is shown as he talked to President Calles of Mexico, inaugurating the new telephone line from Washington to Mexico City. The two presidents conversed for ten minutes.



THE ST. LOUIS DISASTER.—A general view of the wreckage caused by the tornado as it tore a path across St. Louis' central residential district, remarkably illustrates the storm's terrific force. In this district more than 5,000 houses were destroyed and more than a score of people killed.



WEDDING AT SHANGHAI.—Mr. Harry Benjamin Rowsell, and Miss Margaret Elizabeth Moore, after their wedding at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, recently.



RECENT WEDDING.—Mr. Constantine Soufoulis and his bride Miss Marufa Frelava, after their wedding at Shanghai.



TURNED BACK.—Captain R. H. MacIntosh, who made a plucky attempt to fly from Ireland to America in one "hop," but was forced to return owing to stormy weather. His machine is shown above.

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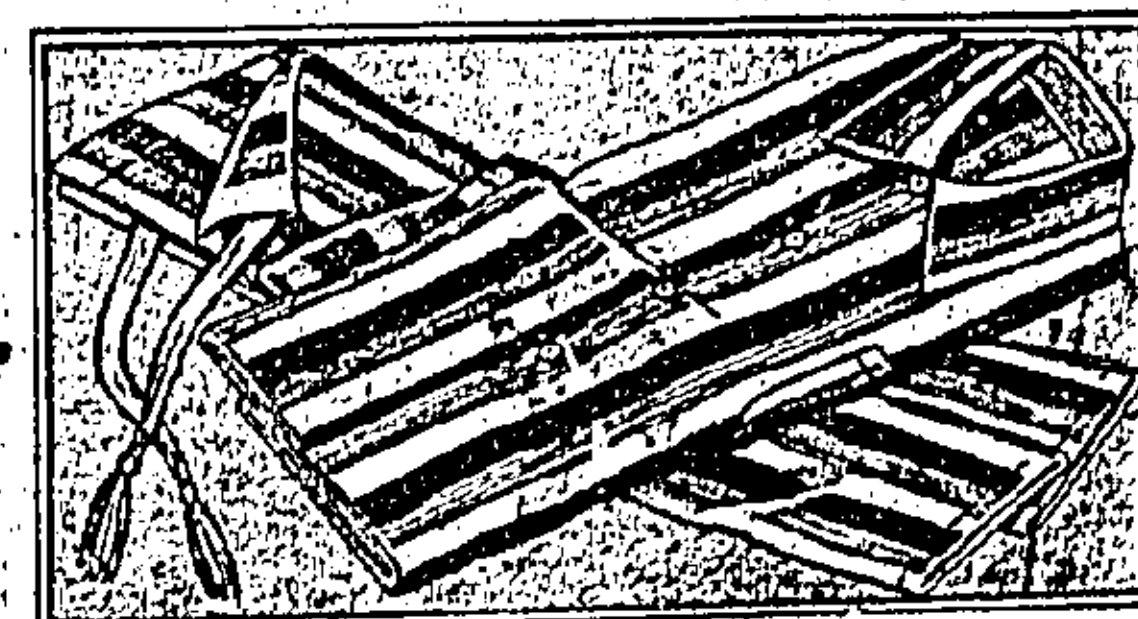
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POLICE RESERVE
ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by the
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain
Superintendent of Police:

Chinese Company.

Strength.—The following have
enrolled in the Chinese Company
and are posted respectively as
under:—Constables R.79 Lo Tak-
hol, R.80, Chan Man-bun, R.81
Chan Lai-shou to No. 3 section.

Indian Company.

Training.—The following is the
result of the examination in Part 2
(knowledge of Police Duties and
Regulations) held on Monday,
November 7th:—Passed with
credit, Constable R.242 Tai
Mohamad Khan; Passed, Con-
stable R.218 Ghulam Mohamad.

Flying Squad.

Strength.—Constable R.338
Frank Lee is permitted to resign
on leaving the Colony.

Training.—The following mem-
bers of the Flying Squad have
been passed out as efficient in
Part 1:—Constables R.314 J. van
der Lely, R.315 Ho So.

The weekly instructional patrol
of the Hongkong section on Thurs-
day, November 17th will start
from Central Police Station as
usual at 5.15 p.m. sharp.

General: (Part 3 Musketry).

The following Police Reservists
will attend at the Kennedy Road
Revolver Range in muff on
Saturday, November 19th at 2.30
p.m. sharp for instruction in
revolver shooting under Inspector
H. J. Paterson:—15 men to be de-
tailed by O. C. Chinese Company;
15 men to be detailed by O. C.
Indian Company; 10 men to be de-
tailed by O. C. Flying Squad.

Police Training School.

Classes for instruction in Part
2 of training course will be held
at the Police Training School under
Inspector H. J. Paterson on Thurs-
day, November 17th and Tues-
day, November 22nd commencing
both evenings at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Training.—Part 1: (Squad Drill).
"All members of the Police
Reserve who have not yet passed
out as efficient in Part 1" will
parade in muff at the Central
Police Station for Squad Drill and
Rifle Exercises under Sergeant R.
J. Hunt as follows:—Chinese and
Indian Companies on Thursday,
November 17th and Tuesday,
November 22nd; Flying Squad on
Wednesday, November 16th. Fall
in on each evening at 5.30 p.m.
sharp.

(Sgd.) G. B. Hartford,
D.S.P. (R.),
Adjutant.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"BEHIND THE FRONT"
TO-DAY ONLY.

To-day's picture at the Queen's
Theatre is the special comedy,
"Behind the Front," which
is being shown again by
general request. The story
is full of amusing and
exciting incidents. The central
figures are a detective and a pick-
pocket who are lured into joining
the army by a pretty girl and un-
aware of each other's identity be-
come firm friends. Wallace Beery
plays the role of the detective and
Raymond Hatton that of the pick-
pocket. Both are excellent and it
is as much to their acting as the
cleverness of the "gags" that the
picture owes its success. Mary
Brian is charming as the leading
lady and Chester Conklin heads
the strong supporting cast. "Be-
hind the Front" is a comedy first
and last and should be much
enjoyed again to-day.

A MUSICAL TREAT.

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME AT
CITY HALL.

A vocal and piano recital, ar-
ranged by Mr. Harry Ore, was
held in St. Andrew's Hall last
evening, when an excellent pro-
gramme was given, although
owing to the indisposition of Mrs.
P. Younghusband, various chan-
ges had to be made. At very short
notice, Mrs. R. Sanger, Mr. J.
Braga, and Mr. Li Chor-chi con-
sented to participate and greatly
helped towards the success attain-
ed.

The main portion of the pro-
gramme was sustained by Mr. Ore
himself, either in the role of piano
soloist or accompanist.

The programme commenced
with "Bourree" (Bach and Saint-
saens); Prelude, Fugue, Choral
(Mendelssohn), and Turkish
March (Beethoven) and Rubini-
stein), all solo piano efforts by Mr.
Ore. All these were rendered
with much skill, but perhaps the
Turkish March gave the pianist
the best opportunity of display-
ing his ability.

The remaining part of the first
portion of the programme was
provided by Mr. Braga and Mr. Li
Chor-chi, the former showing much
ability as a violinist and the latter
pleasing his hearers with his
songs. Mr. Braga offered Ave
Maria (Schubert-Wilhelmj) and
was encored. Mr. Li Chor-chi
scored a great success and was
warmly applauded. His first song
was "Fortunis" (Messager) and he
gave as an encore "Serenade du
Passant" (Mascnet).

Mrs. Sanger made her appear-
ance after the interval. Her best
effort was "Calm as the Night"
(Bohm), in which she was accom-
panied by Mr. Ore at the piano
and Mr. Braga with violin. This
number was exceptionally well sung
and was the tit-bit of the vocal
renderings. She also sang "I
Love Thee" (Greig). Later, Mr.
Ore rendered two of his own com-
positions, "Macao Cradle Song"
and "South China Fantasy," also
a Chinese air, "Lau Yu Kam" (L.
T. Pan and H. Ore), and the Over-
ture to "William Tell" (Rossini
and Liszt).

It is of interest to note that ex-
cellent piano, a Grotjans-Steinweg,
which was kindly lent by the An-
derson Music Co., is the first of
its kind to reach Hongkong, hav-
ing arrived in the Colony a few
weeks ago, and was used for the
first time last night. This piano
is built specially for use in the
tropics and is fitted with a new
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Sir Hilton Young, who has
been appointed chairman of
the Commission to British
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ALLEGED THEFT OF
BICYCLE.

HIRED MACHINE WHICH WAS
SOLD.

Alleged to have hired out a
bicycle from a shop at 604,
Queen's Road West on September
29 and to have passed it over to
a friend with a request to sell it,
a Chinese appeared before Mr.
R. E. Lindsell, at the Central
Magistracy this morning, charged
with the larceny of the cycle,
valued at \$30, by bailie. The
man who sold the machine is
charged with receiving stolen prop-
erty. Inspector P. Grant is in
charge of the case.

The complainant gave evi-
dence to the effect that the first
defendant hired the cycle at about
ten o'clock on the morning in
question. He did not ask for a
deposit, neither did he state for
how long the machine would be
wanted. Although it was some
time ago, he recognised the first
defendant "by about 70 per cent."
He reported the loss to the police
on October 1st.

Yesterday, when near Kowloon
City Police Station, complainant
saw the machine leaning against
the wall of a tea house. He ac-
cordingly left two foks, who were
with him, to watch the bicycle, and
himself went to the Police Station.
When he returned with a const-
able, he found that his foks had
detained a man.

The purchaser of the bicycle
said the second defendant brought
it to his premises and offered to
sell it for \$28. Witness eventually
paid \$24 for it. When the
machine was found by the com-
plainant, it was being ridden by
one of his (witness) foks.

Remarking that there was not
much evidence against either of
the men, his Worship adjourned
the case until noon to-morrow,
for further enquiries to be made
about the defendants, and also for
the foki who was riding the cycle,
and the detective, to be called.

WORLD THEATRE.

"MONSIEUR BEAUCIAIRE"
TO-DAY.

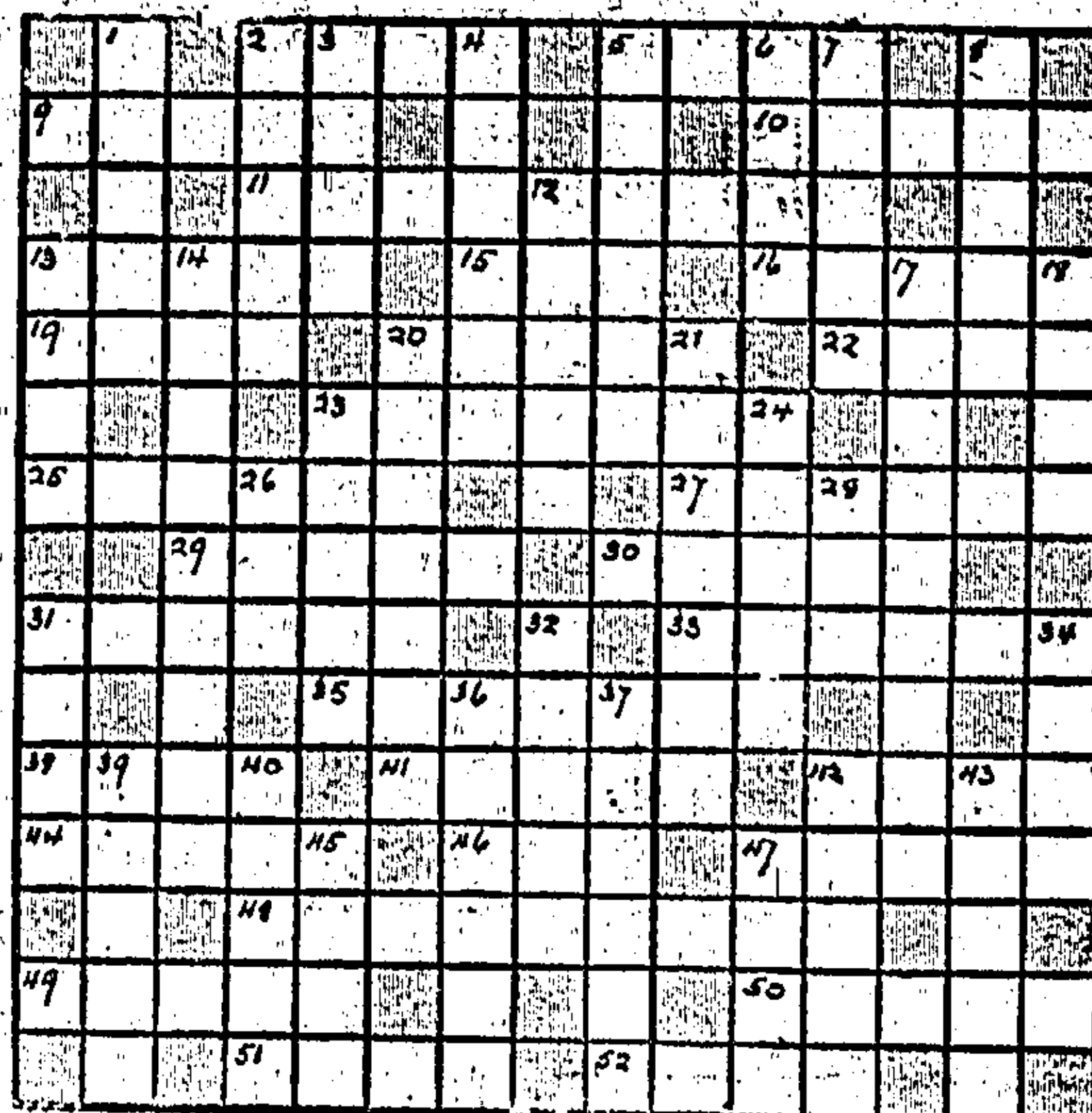
Another delightful old-world
picture fills the bill at the World
Theatre to-day and to-morrow.
This is "Monsieur Beaucaire," a
Paramount production of the high
standard which "one associates
with such films. It is made dou-
bly interesting from the fact that
it features the late Rudolph Valen-
tino in the title role, and the
popular screen favourite is here
seen at his very best.

The tale deals with the romance
of a scapgrace French nobleman
in the times of Louis XV who in-
curred the displeasure of His
Majesty and the favourite. The
scapgrace later masqueraded as a
barber and then as an imagi-
nary Duke until his real role as a
cousin of the King was disclosed.
The film is noteworthy for the fine
acting, the beautiful settings,
the general artistic background and
the clever direction of the story.

Supporting Rudolph Valentino
is a notable cast, including such
favourites as Bebe Daniels, Lois
Wilson, Doris Kenyon and Lowell
Sherman, each of whom con-
tributes in marked manner to the
great success achieved.

The picture in the 5.30 to 8.30
continuous programme at the Star
Theatre to-day and to-morrow is
Buster Keaton's comedy, "Go
West," in which Buster Keaton,
the popular comedian, is shown in
a number of ridiculous and
humorous poses—stomping
among cattle—in the West.
Buster's latest picture is as good
as many of his previous efforts
and should attract large houses.
The revue being submitted at 9.15
to-day and to-morrow by the new
Our Cabaret is "Cocktails."

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 2 Hind Part.
- 5 Mohammedan priest.
- 9 Bullock.
- 10 Scottish landord.
- 11 Store.
- 13 Small ropes.
- 15 Before.
- 16 Have effect.
- 19 Orkney term for freehold.
- 20 Places to lie.
- 22 Afrash.
- 23 Long pillow.
- 25 Vegetable.
- 27 Those that call by name.
- 28 Sickened.
- 30 Worn away.
- 31 Roundabout way.
- 33 Delicate.
- 35 Makes certain.
- 38 High hills.
- 41 Valleys.
- 42 Forthwith.
- 43 Frees from pain.
- 46 Era.
- 47 Stiff.
- 48 Furnish with tassels.
- 49 Kingly.
- 50 Yield to another's opinion.
- 51 Snake-like fish.
- 52 Action.

Down.

- 1 Sedate.
- 2 Drive back.
- 3 Does wrong.
- 4 Disclose.
- 5 Introduce.
- 6 Genus of the lily.
- 7 Supplied to the ancient Israelites.
- 8 Ten millions.
- 12 Inhabit British Empire.

- 13 Part of an ear.
- 14 Those who recite.
- 17 Resolute.
- 18 Female sheep.
- 20 Frowned.
- 21 Legislative bodies.
- 22 Medicine to be swallowed.
- 24 Taxes.
- 26 South American town.
- 28 Males.
- 31 Nutritious fruit.
- 32 Sudden thrust with a sword.
- 34 Split.
- 36 Stops.
- 37 Whirled.
- 39 Fertile desert areas.
- 40 Bristles.
- 42 Helped.
- 43 Smeared with oil.
- 45 Market.
- 47 Advice.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

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RUBBER DEALINGS.

THE SIME DARBY CASE.

London, Nov. 5.
The case in which the Official
Assignee of the estate of
Lee Pang Seng sued Messrs.
Sime Darby and Company,
and, after judgment had been
given by Mr. Justice Deane in
favour of the Company, success-
fully appealed to the Court of Appeal,
came before the Judicial Committee
of the Privy Council this week,
judgment being reserved.

The evidence given in the pro-
ceedings in the local courts was
to the effect that Lee Pang Seng was
the owner of the business of Chin
Seng and Company rubber dealers.
At the end of 1924 Chin Seng and
Company, finding difficulty in
obtaining credit from their bankers,
approached Messrs. Sime Darby
and Company, who agreed to
finance the business. A number of
loans were made to Chin Seng and
Company and on June 10th, 1925,
Chin Seng and Company were in-
debted to Messrs. Sime Darby and
Company in the sum of \$253,620.
At that time the greater part of the
bankrupt's assets consisted of a
quantity of rubber purchased from
local dealers, which was in Chin
Seng and Company's store at
Raffles Chambers. It was alleged
that on June 10th, 1925, the bank-
rupt delivered or caused to be de-
livered to Messrs. Sime Darby and
Company, as one of his creditors,
236,518 lbs. of rubber, which, it
was contended by the Official As-
signee was a fraudulent preference
and void as against him. The de-

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total payments on that issue to
\$136,550,000. \$1,600 on seven per
cent. preferred stock increased the
year's dividends on all outstanding
shares to \$145,894,000.

endants relied on a number of let-
ters given by Lee Pang Seng on
each occasion advances were made
by Messrs. Sime Darby and Com-
pany in which it was stated that in
consideration of the advances the
bankrupt conveyed the ownership
of the rubber to the Company and
engaged to act as their agent and
factor in dealing with and shipping
the rubber.

On the third day of the hearing
Mr. Justice Deane gave judgment
in favour of Messrs. Sime Darby
and Company, a finding which was
reversed by the Court of Appeal last
November, the Chief Justice agree-
ing with Mr. Justice Deane's view,
while Mr. Justice McCabe Reay and
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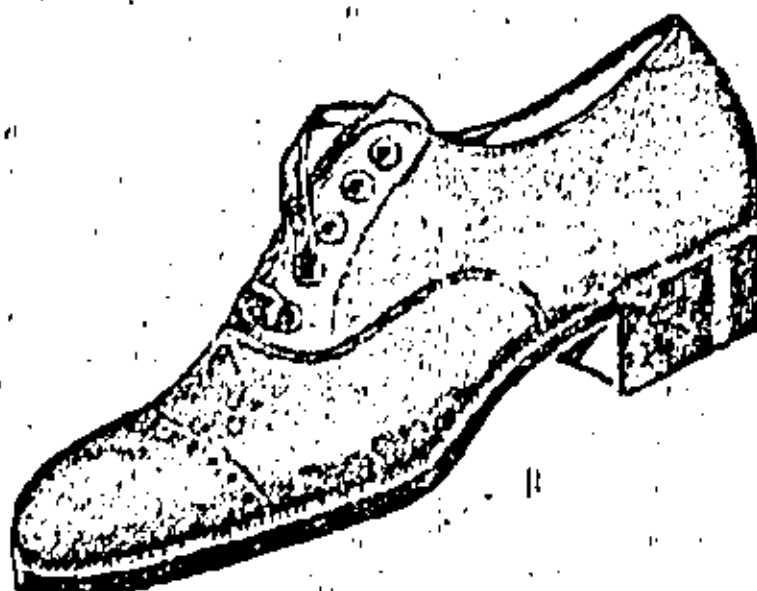
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BIRTHS.

GOW.—At the General Hospital, Seattle, on 15th October, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. David Gow, a daughter.

PEGG.—On November 6th, 1927, at Dawlish, Devon, to Frances Mary, wife of H. Handley Pegg, a daughter (stillborn).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 1927.

THE CHINA SITUATION.

Once again it would appear that the fortunes of the Nationalist Party are on the mend—at least there are indications that unity of control will be exercised not only along the Yangtze as far as Hankow but also throughout South China. By the defeat of General Tang Seng-chi, the Nanking party has reasserted its authority in a manner that had to precede any general recognition of its claim to "national" prestige, and now that it can exercise power throughout the whole of the Yangtze Valley from Hankow to Shanghai it once again has a wonderful opportunity of showing the world that it can hold and well govern that valuable highway. And not only has the news over the week-end told of Nanking's military success, but it has also told of its political success, insofar as it has persuaded the Canton Commissioners of the Central Kuomintang to agree to Shanghai being the venue of the forthcoming Kuomintang Conference that must be held to effect the re-union of the party. There can now be no doubt that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has come back to the fold, willing and anxious to bring about the re-union of such men as Dr. C. C. Wu, Wang Ching-wei, Li Chai-sum and Ho Ying-ching and that it is through his good offices that all have now agreed to meet at Shanghai and strive to find the agreement that eluded them when they assembled at Nanking but a few months ago. There have been so many protestations and denial of personal rancour that there ought to be little difficulty in getting together, especially now that most of the pother about "Red" and "Anti-Red" has passed over. Mr. Wang Ching-wei has come back to Canton frankly confessing his past mistakes in consorting with the Communists from Russia and has made some very heartening pronouncements in which it is revealed that he has many very sound and worthy ideas. There should be no obstacle big enough to prevent the best in the Nationalist

Party (and they are admittedly among the very best in the country) getting together to work out ideas, and if that unity is achieved they should be strong enough in personality to control the military chiefs with whom they are working. It is not hard, in the light of the latest news, to visualise a unified Southern China dominated by the Nationalist Party.

And if that idea could be brought to actuality, and if the Nationalists could be brought to realise that it is foolish and wasteful for them to dissipate their strength in trying by force to defeat the Manchurian Warlord who controls Peking, then one could, with much confidence, look forward to an era of peace and prosperity for all that productive region of China which lies south of the Yangtze Valley. Months ago, when Marshal Chiang Kai-shek made his triumphal progress against the Northerners, there was failure to see the dangers of trying to go too far and the consequence was that the Nationalist Army knocked its head very badly, causing it to split into factions which brought about the disintegration of the Nationalist movement as a whole. It is because we do not think that the South is militarily strong enough to wrest the power in Peking out of the hands of Marshal Chang Tso-lin that we would like to see a cessation of this fighting north of the Yangtze and pourparlers begun for the fixing of a boundary between North China and South China. Geographically, China has always been too unwieldy as a unit, and temperamentally also the North and South are not as fellow nationals. Far better would it be for both parties to recognise essential differences and agree on some form of partition rather than continue the present ever-recurring strife. Given unity here in the South and an absence of that wasteful war spirit, the Nationalist Party and movement might yet have to its credit the beneficent reorganisation and administration of that part of China wherein it had its birth.

The Remembrance Day Effort.

It is already evident that Hongkong can congratulate itself on the result of its effort on Armistice anniversary. The sale of poppies was the largest ever accomplished here, and proceeds from that effort alone have exceeded the previous best. The other sources of revenue have also been productive of much more than was raised last year, and in the aggregate there is a total well above what Hongkong has hitherto been able to accomplish. This year may therefore be considered a "record" one in the matter of Poppy Day contributions. There is yet the amount from other parts of China to be counted, but it may be expected that, despite the very distressful period through which the communities at various outposts and in the interior have been passing, they will have done their best towards the great cause of contributing as much as possible to Earl Haig's fund. So far as this Colony itself is concerned, we may congratulate ourselves, again, on the manner in which we have been able to respond in spite of the business depression, so very strikingly reflected in last year's garnerings. With the China total in excess of previous efforts, and we trust, similar "records" elsewhere in the Empire and at Home, it appears likely that the aim for a "grand total of £500,000 for the fund" this time be achieved. That is a fine effort to contemplate, and if the accomplishment proves to have been up to that figure, the whole Empire will have something to pride itself on, and the standard, moreover, will have been set for future efforts in the great cause of relieving distress and need among those who did their bit in the war.

The British vessel Hong Hwa, from Penang and Singapore, with 997 deck passengers, reports the death en route of one who committed suicide by jumping overboard.

Quarrelling with her parents over a marriage, to which she would not consent, a Chinese girl, living at 237, Des Voeux Road West, drank a dose of Lysoi with the object of ending her life. She was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday at 7 a.m. but despite immediate medical attention, she died some three hours later.

DAY BY DAY.

PRESUMPTION OF EVERY KIND SUPPOSES FOLLY AT BOTTOM.—Lavalor.

The P. and O. s.s. Malwa from Hongkong arrived at Marseilles on Friday.

The Empress of Canada is due here from the north next Tuesday morning.

The E. and A. s.s. St. Albans is due here from Sydney with the Australian mail on December 5th.

The s.s. President Grant, which has been delayed through unforeseen circumstances, will sail for Seattle on Thursday, November 24.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, before Major C. Willson, Herbert Roy Norrington, a British subject, was sent to the House of Detention as a vagrant.

A Chinese electrician has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital from Taikeo, suffering from injuries to his body, caused by a heavy cable striking him, while a ship was being docked.

A Chinese shop assistant, living at No. 7 Chiu On Lane, first floor, fell over a verandah into the street yesterday and received serious injuries, necessitating his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

Estate in Hongkong to the value of \$5,000 was left by Yeung Shan-nam, alias Yeung Yau, who died at 13, Holy Cross Path, Hongkong, on September 16th this year. Letters of administration have been granted to two sons, Yeung Chik-ling and Yeung Hing-tong.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 13 arrivals and 10 departures, of which eight and seven respectively were British, leaving 52 vessels in harbour, British 20. Tonnage was low, with reduced freights, although the British registry was good, with two of the only four heavy cargoes entered.

Mrs. Campbell, manageress of the Jade Tree store, Alexandra Buildings made a report to the police yesterday that someone stole from a showcase in the shop, a gold ring, mounted with a stone, valued at \$140. Mrs. Campbell states that she does not know when the theft took place.

DISOBEYING THE POLICE.

QUESTION OF PARKING RIGHTS.

Amongst the summonses in connection with traffic offences heard by Major Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, was one in which Mr. D. M. Goodall, manager of Lane Crawford's Restaurant, was summoned for disobeying police orders, at Happy Valley, on a recent race day.

Traffic Sergeant Clark stated that Mr. Goodall parked his car at a spot where parking was not allowed. An Indian constable first went up and spoke to Mr. Goodall, then witness also approached in his turn. Mr. Goodall, however, said he had been parking there for 14 years, and he refused to move.

In reply to the Bench, Mr. Goodall said that when he took his car to the Valley on these race days it was usually on business, and for the past four years he had been accustomed to leave his car at the disputed spot. This was done with the full knowledge of Inspector Kent and Inspector Alexander, and no objection was raised. The car was a private car, and one which he drove himself. His Worship said there was still the point that Mr. Goodall had disobeyed police directions.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Nov. 14.
Paris	123
New York	48 7/8
Brussels	34 9/16
Geneva	25 27/32
Amsterdam	12 07/8
Milan	89 3/4
Berlin	20 42
Stockholm	18 13
Copenhagen	18 45
Oslo	18 10
Vienna	34 53/64
Frankfurt	104 3/4
Helsingfors	183 3/4
Madrid	28 70/100
Lisbon	2 27/64
Athens	870
Bucharest	785
Rio	5 77/64
Buenos Aires	47 3/4
Bombay	1/5 15/16
Shanghai	12 10
Hongkong	2/0 3/4
Yokohama	1/10 3/4
Silver (spot)	26 15/16
Silver (forward)	26 11/16

—British Wireless.

FORTHCOMING WORLD TOURS.

A CANCELLATION AND A NEW COMPETITOR.

It is announced, by the various companies concerned, that many of the round-the-world trips will be cancelled this year, and the number of visitors to Hongkong will therefore be considerably lessened. The colliate vessel Ryndam is one of those removed from the yearly schedule, while the Cunard liner usually run by the American Express Company has also been withdrawn, owing to lack of support.

The Canadian Pacific announced that the Empress of Australia is fully booked, and will make the visit to Hongkong early in the New Year, but the usual Raymond-Whitcomb cruise has been abandoned, say the agents.

Notwithstanding these announcements, another competitor has entered the field, in the shape of the British and Norwegian Royal Mail vessel Meteor, described as an ocean steam yacht, specially fitted out for luxurious travelling.

The Meteor was built by Blohm and Voess of Hamburg in 1904 and is a vessel of 3,717 gross tonnage, with a length of 346.2 feet, beam 44.2 feet and moulded depth 26.4 feet. She was engaged by the N.I.P. of 235. Owned by the A. S. Det. Bergenske Dampskisselselskab, she is registered at Bergen under the Norwegian flag. The itinerary allows for a departure from Harwich early in December, arriving at Gibraltar on December 12, from whence the journey will be continued via Monte Carlo, Malta, Port Said, Palestine, Aden, Colombo, Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya, Macassar, Moluccas, Philippines, Hongkong, Saigon, Bangkok, Penang, Langoon, Madras, Bombay, Aden, Port Sudan, Alexandria, Naples, Monte Carlo, and thence by Gibraltar to Harwich, which port will be reached on April 21, 1928. It will thus be seen that Hongkong is the furthest point of call, and will be reached on February 12, with a two and a half days stay.

It is not at present known who will handle the local excursion traffic. Mr. Sverre Berg, the Norwegian Consul, confirmed the information given above, but was not in a position to state anything definite with regard to the reception of the tourists.

The B. and N. line draw attention to the fact that the cruise will last for 137 days, and is over 25,000 miles, with visits to the most interesting portions of the globe at the best time of the year. She is under the management of an experienced organisation, the Meteor having been in the pleasure cruise business for a number of years, during which more than 10,000 people have been carried from the United Kingdom. Specially adapted to the service, she has 120 single cabins and 23 double cabins.

TO-DAY'S TRAFFIC CASES.

A DRIVER WHO LOOKED BACK.

Intention on picking up a prospective fare in Chater Road, on the afternoon of October 29, a Chinese public-car driver paid scant attention to his bearings. While looking over his right shoulder at three men approaching, he automatically turned the car to the left, and woke up to the danger only when Inspector Lane shouted a warning.

Previous to this, the car had drawn up before the Savoy Hotel in such a position as to block the Chater Road entrance. Then the defendant drove off again, but was reluctant to miss three men who were approaching, and kept his head screwed to one side to keep them within view while he turned the car to the left. It narrowly missed Inspector Lane, who had spent a good minute in guessing the intentions of the driver and dodging the erratic movements of the car.

Summoned before Major C. Willson this morning, the driver was fined \$10 for dangerous driving. Another public car-driver who was involved in a collision with a ricksha, at Des Voeux Road, on October 1, was fined \$10, for negligent driving, and ordered to pay compensation, amounting to \$5, to the ricksha coolie. It was stated that the coolie received injuries, and the passenger was thrown out of his seat, as a result of the accident.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. David Gow, of Kowloon Dock, will be pleased to learn that a baby daughter was born to them on October 15, at Seattle. They have booked to leave San Francisco on November 25 by the s.s. President Taft, arriving in Hongkong about December 20.

The Very Idea!

An airman, compelled to descend in a remote district in Ireland, received very kindly treatment from an old cottager. Knowing the sensitiveness of the peasant, he refrained from offering her money, but suggested taking her up for a trip.

"No, thank you, sir," she said. "I'd rather not." And looking up, she added, "Glory be to the good God; which I go up, I go up for good."

A shocking fact I would disclose. And herewith I declare it: The chorus girls in modern shows are told to "Gin and bare it!"

A remarkable example of the Prince of Wales' scorn of conventionality was seen recently when the Royal train arrived at Carlisle from Ballater.

The King and Queen, with whom the Prince of Wales and Prince George were travelling to Euston, were asleep when Carlisle was reached at 10.30 a.m. and a halt was made for an exchange of engines. The prince left his saloon and walked up and down the station platform in his pyjamas till the train was ready to start again.

Magistrate (to female witness describing hotel bar): Was the bar a straight one?

Witness: Oh yes, straight around.

Female Defendant: If you give me time, your Worship, my husband will pay my fine. The sub-inspector has no object.

Sub-inspector: Did you have any light?

Witness: Yes, we had several matches.

Boris Kowarda, the youth who was assassinated the Soviet Ambassador (M. Volkoff) in August, and was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment, has obtained the permission of the authorities to study in his cell for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He will undergo his examination in prison.

I shall try as far as I possibly can to keep up the standard of motor car driving.—Mr. Mead, (Magistrate.)

Since the Reformation, the English people have never been intelligent about the Sunday question.—Rev. T. P. Stevens.

We think too much about the schooling of boys and girls, and too little about the education of young men and women.—Lord Eustace Percy.

Sir John Adams, Professor of Education, University of London, in his "Errors in School: their causes and treatment," quotes the following "howlers":—

Explain the term "grass widow."—The wife of a dead vegetarian.

What do we know of Margaret of Anjou?—She was very fat, sir.

Where do you get that idea from?—The history book says, "Among Henry's stoutest supporters was Margaret of Anjou."

When you have died suddenly you are cross-examined by a Coroner.

What is a gauntlet?—A little thin person.

Chaplets are small places of worship.

The penal code is what the doctor gets paid for his patients.

Q. (verbal)—Give me a sentence making use of the word nitrates.

A.—Night rates are cheaper than day rates.

During a lesson in English grammar—"Syntax is what you pay for being bad."

Transition of "Honi soit qui mal y pense."

"He may be honest who thinks badly."

Mrs. Murphy was washing when a lady called, and said, "Mrs. Murphy, will you give me something for the Home for Inebriates?"

"Come back this evening," said Mrs. Murphy. "Ye can have Murphy."

Mrs. Bridget McKenna, of Tavenymore, County Tyrone, who is Ireland's second oldest woman and is 103 years of age, is looking for a husband.

Ireland's oldest woman is Miss Anne Fitzsimmons, who is 106 years old and has just entered Monaghan County Home.

An interesting ceremony is to take place in the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce Board Room to-morrow afternoon, when Chief Officer Beatty, of the s.s. Sunning, will receive from the Marine Insurance Association of Hongkong a marine telescope and a draft in recognition of his bravery on the occasion of the piracy of the vessel named. The presentation will be made by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern).

U. S. DISASTER.

A HUGE GAS TANK EXPLODES.

MANY KILLED AND INJURED.

Pittsburg, Nov. 14. Hitherto it is estimated that 20 people have been killed, and 500 injured, in an explosion, on the north side of the city, of a huge storage gas-tank, containing 5,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas.

Sections of the steel supports were hurled hundreds of yards away, and many people were knocked down in the streets by flying debris, or cut by broken glass. The police commandeered motor-cars and other vehicles, in which they rushed the victims to the hospitals, three of which institutions were soon crowded.

Some of the injured inhabitants staggered to the hospitals, and collapsed on the steps, being carried in by the attendants.

Death toll mounts.

Pittsburg, later. "The great steel gas tank rose hundreds of feet in the air, like an enormous balloon, and remained intact for an instant, then burst like a colossal firework, hundreds of tons of steel hurtling through the air," declared the chief of the fire brigade.

Death and destruction were spread over an area a mile square.

Up to now, 21 bodies have been recovered. About 600 persons are known to have been injured. Dozens are still missing.

Reuter's American Service.

THE BARRAGE ON THE BLUE NILE.

BRITAIN AND ABYSSINIA NEGOTIATING.

London, Nov. 14.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked in the House of Commons whether he had any further information on the reported concession by the Abyssinian Government to an American firm, to construct a barrage on the Blue Nile, near Lake Tsana, and what was the present position of the negotiations with the Abyssinian Government for barraging of the Blue Nile by British or Anglo-Egyptian efforts.

Sir Austen replied that he could only add to his previous statement in the House, that by an exchange of notes between Sir John Harrington and Monsieur Alfred Ilz, in 1902, the Emperor Menelik II, undertook that, other things being equal, preference would be given to the proposals of the British Government and the Government of the Sudan, or one of their subjects.

As regards the second part of the question, said Sir Chamberlain, the present position is that on September 22 the Regent of Abyssinia addressed to Mr. C. H. Bentinck, the British representative at Addis, a reply to the proposal which the British Government had made to him last May. "I have recently instructed Mr. Bentinck by telegram to address a note to Ras Tafari, which will carry these negotiations a step further."

"OUR CABARET."

NEW SKETCHES TO-NIGHT.

The members of "Our Cabaret" company gave another enjoyable rendering of the revue "Hey, Hey" at the Star Theatre last night. There was not such a large audience as one would have expected for such an attractive type of entertainment, but what the audience lacked in numbers it more than made up in appreciation, encores being frequently demanded and given. As usual, the leading members of the Company distinguished themselves each in his or her own sphere, some of the items being remarkably good, and as to the general production, it was carried out with a delightful swing from start to finish.

The revue "Cocktails" which Mr. Charles Chamier's popular London vaudeville company, the new "Our Cabaret," is giving at 9.15 in the Star Theatre to-night, comprises items that are all new to the Colony, except the diverting sketch, "The Disorderly Room," which is being repeated by general request. The programme includes two clever and amusing new sketches called "The Strong Silent Man" and "A Port in a Storm," and a very pretty scene called "A Victorian Episode." New numbers will be submitted by Signorina Henkina, the noted singer, and the whole programme will be found to be delightfully enjoyable. Book is at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre at the popular admission prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

CHINESE BOY'S BIG LEGACY.

LEFT TIS. 32,000 BY FOSTER FATHER.

AMERICAN RELATIVES CLAIM.

Admission to probable of the will of the late Robert W. Sexton, of Shanghai, who died on July 27, and left his entire estate of Tis. 32,000 to an 11-year-old adopted Chinese boy, James Logan Sexton, was, ordered to be postponed for two months by Judge Milton Purdy in the United States Court for China yesterday upon the application of Major C. P. Holcomb, acting for the sister and niece of the deceased who reside in Denver, state of Colorado, on property left to the youth by the terms of the will of the late Robert Sexton. Major Holcomb requested this step in order to get from his clients certain depositions regarding other relatives' rights to property owned by the late Mr. Sexton.

Judge C. S. Franklin represented the heir who is living in Shanghai supported from the estate which consists principally of debentures and a certain amount of cash realized from the sale of the furniture in the home on Rue Moliere of the late R. W. Sexton. This property is to be held in trust for James L. Sexton until he attains his majority.

At the present time the Yangtze Insurance Company is acting in the capacity of executors of the estate, having been appointed to this position by the United States Court for China.

Mr. C. M. G. Burnie, manager of the Yangtze Insurance Company, requested that pending settlement of the case, provision be made out of the estate for the funeral expenses of the deceased and an appropriation of \$100 a month for the support of the child meantime.

Mr. Franklin placed witnesses on the stand to prove the will which was witnessed by Mr. L. C. Yang and Y. T. You, Shanghai lawyer and real estate man respectively, who had witnessed the signature of the will before Sexton's death.

James Logan Sexton is at present under the care of a foster mother appointed by the executors who is receiving \$75 per month for his upkeep. The will provides that the boy shall be provided for adequately until he reaches 21 when he will receive the principal and interest of his inheritance.

DISAPPEARANCE OF RUBBER SOLES.

DELIVERY COOLIES' LAPSE PUNISHED.

Tampering with a consignment of rubber soles, which had been delivered to a shoemaker of No. 25 Des Voeux Road, led to the arrest, and appearance this morning before Mr. W. Schofield, of a delivery coolie on a charge of larceny of 31 pairs of soles. A cobbler of Public Square Street was also brought before the Kowloon Magistrate, charged with receiving the rubber soles, knowing the same to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

The first defendant pleaded guilty, but the second accused denied the charge, stating that the soles had been left at his stall by the first defendant. They were merely left there until the man's return later in the day.

Sub-Inspector Cotton, prosecuting, said that the first defendant was engaged by the management of certain shoe manufacturers of 25 Des Voeux Road West, to convey a consignment of 15 cases of soles from the Kowloon godown. The cases were delivered to the complainant, but on examination it was discovered that two of the boxes had been tampered with. A police constable on patrol yesterday found 31 pairs of rubber soles at the second defendant's stall, and on the making of enquiries it was found that they were part of the consignment which had been tampered with.

His Worship found that there was no evidence of guilty knowledge against the second defendant, and he was discharged. The first accused was fined \$25, with the alternative of one month's hard labour.

Orders for 8,000,000 trees have been received from the Prairie Provinces of Canada this year, states the Dominion Forestry Branch. This number compares with the total for last year of 6,000,000, and may be taken as a vitally significant fact. Trees mean much to Canada as a whole and even more to its treeless areas. Not only are they things of beauty and of commercially value, but they make "all the difference" to a farm. Often they turn a shack into a home and a migrant into a permanent settler.

CANTON TENSION.

LI CHAI-SUM'S LIFE THREATENED.

"LEFT" VERSUS "RIGHT."

It is learned that an attempt was nearly made on the life of General Li Chai-sum, at Canton on Saturday night, in the course of an altercation in the General's home, a visitor, General Wong Ki-chung, drawing a revolver on his host, and being prevented from shooting him by bystanders. Wong is second-in-command of the "Iron-sides."

Apparently there was a conference to consider affairs of the province, military and civil, at which a number of officials and commanders were present. The matter of the Kuomintang election came up, and many of those present were over to the "Left," leaving Li Chai-sum practically unsupported. The minority, however, insisted that he should still be the chairman of the Kuomintang committee charged with the opening of new branches, and to this Wong Ki-chung was hotly opposed. The climax came when it was announced that General Chang Fat-kwai would not again be given a superior post, but a subordinate one. Wong accused Li of duplicity, and drew his revolver to shoot Li down.

"THE HOUSE OF SIN."

Watch Out for "Telegraph's" New Serial.

On Monday next there will commence in the "Telegraph" a new serial story by Allen Upward entitled "The House of Sin."

This is one of the most entertaining stories ever written by this well-known author and readers should make a note of the opening date.

Wong was immediately seized, before he could pull the trigger, and after he had been disarmed and requested to leave the house. It appears that Li could have ordered him to be tried for his life, but magnanimously refrained.

Latest political developments in China have tended to show that with the fall of General Tang Seng-chi, the Kuomintang "Leftist" ruler of Hunan and Hubei, the Kuomintang "Rightists" have scored another victory, the outcome will be that the "Leftists" or "Ironside" leaders of Canton, will eventually have to take orders from General Li Chai-sum, the "Rightist" leader who controls Kwangtung.

Biding Their Time.

Since the "Ironsides" returned to Canton, pessimists have been alarmed lest there be a clash between the armies of General Li Chai-sum and the "Ironsides." But keen observers are of the opinion that such a break is still a long way off, and both sides are waiting for a more opportune time for the outbreak.

Li Chai-sum's belief is that if he should announce war with the "Ironsides," he will have to fight them within Kwangtung, and he may furthermore be subjected to an attack by the armies of Tang Seng-chi from Hunan, as the latter province is situated on the northern border of Kwangtung.

That the "Ironsides" have been on good terms with the Hankow faction can be seen in the recent arguments of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the "Leftist" leader now in Canton, who has repeatedly declared that Canton should not send an expedition to attack Tang Seng-chi.

All this explains why Li Chai-sum should plan with General Wang Shao-hung, who controls Kwangsi, to scatter all their available units along the West and North Rivers. These two generals are merely waiting for the fall of Tang Seng-chi, as when they have made sure that Kwangtung will not be subjected to an attack from Hunan, they may proceed to deal forcibly with the "Ironsides."

On the other hand, the "Leftists" in Canton, are have been hoping for Tang Seng-chi's victory over the Nanking militarists, for with the co-operation of the armies of Tang the "Ironsides" would have the chance of routing Li Chai-sum and Wang Shao-hung. Now, however, that Tang Seng-chi has collapsed, the likelihood will be either the "Ironsides" will have to submit to the power of Li Chai-sum or they will have to clear out.

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TALES OF CLIPPER DAYS.

MR. ANDREW SHEWAN'S NEW BOOK.

INTERESTING REMINISCENCES.

Mr. Andrew Shewan, late Master of the Norman Court, has written a book called "The Great Days of Sail." It is edited by Rex Clements, and is published by Heath Cranton, London.

Mr. Andrew Shewan is the elder brother of Mr. Robert Shewan, of Messrs. Showan, Tomes and Co. He had, however left China before Mr. Robert Shewan came out.

The Scotsman reviews the book as follows:

The "brave days of old" of the ocean-going sailing ship were those of the China tea-clippers of the Fifties, Sixties, and Seventies, when the race home to the Thames or Mersey, or to Boston or New York, with the first cargo from Canton or Foochow was watched with as much keenness of interest as ever was the result of the Derby. Captain Shewan is a survival, almost the last, of those wonderful times, which were brought to an end by the opening of the Suez Canal and the progress of steam; for he made his first voyage to the East in the trim little Aberdeen-built Chassee in the year 1860, and at an early age succeeded his father (himself the son of a Peterhead whaling skipper, who died in 1830 from exposure on an ice-ber) in the command of the famous clipper Norman Court, designed by Rennie and owned by Baring Brothers, which made some of the fastest sailing passages from China on record. His reminiscences, in setting down which he has been assisted by the expert hand of Mr. Clements, are in the true spirit of the sea-story, and while always concerned with facts, sometime rise to lyrical pitch. By 1880 "steam" had definitely triumphed; the graceful clipper was a thing of the past, and the China tea trade emptied of its romance.

Gone past recall were the call ships and the officers and men who manned them, and whose spirit of rivalry was as keen as their seamanship. No more would they watch their racing craft race off the knots, with stunsails aloft and aloft, and "Jemie Green," ringtail, skyscrapers, and moonrakers set, as they traversed the region of the steady trades, with reefed topsails literally "hung upon the gale" while they fought the fierce squalls of the China Sea. Never again will a straining clipper make the Channel and race neck and neck from the Scilly and the Foreland with a foeman worthy of her steel—finally to win or lose the world-wide race by a bare 20 minutes. This is now all over and done with, though I trust not yet wholly devoured by that "great-ized monster of ingratitude"—Oblivion.

Speed Tests.

Summing up the facts and opinions of relative speeds gathered in a long sea career, but chiefly in the Norman Court and Black Prince, Captain Shewan says:

I should place first, as the ideal tea-clipper and the fastest thing the wind ever drove through the water, the Ariel. Next to her I should be inclined to place the Titania, Thermopylae, Cutty Sark, Spindrift, and Leander, with very little to choose between any of them. These top the list. In the next half-dozen or so would come the Lahloo, Sir Lancelot, Lothair, Norman Court, Teeping, Kaisow, Windhover, and the Undine. I think that in light weather each and all of these were equally as fast as the first-mentioned five; and in other conditions of weather in varying degree superior to one or other of them. After these, but no great distance behind, would come the Taitsing, Serica, Black Prince, Fiery Cross (the second), Hailand, Coulnakyle, John R. Worcester, and Falcon. The few others that claimed a place among the racers were slightly inferior to these. The Flying Spur, for instance, was of some competence when new, but was soon outclassed. We outsailed her in the Black Prince on one occasion. In the same ship, herself not among the select few, we also outsailed at various times the Chinaman, Whiteadder, Ziba, Min, and others.

The competing claims made for certain American-built clippers he treats sometimes with scant ceremony. Their "fabulous runs" came into being from the custom of Yankee captains (legitimate enough in itself) of giving pleasure and encouragement to their passengers and enhancing the reputation of their ships, by stating that on the previous 24 hours the ship had traversed four hundred or whatever it might be, miles. This was through confounding miles of longitude with nautical miles; whereas "running the easting" down below the 50th parallel of latitude, a degree of longitude would not be more than 40 miles of actual distance.

VIA SIBERIA.

COMFORTABLE TRIP DESCRIBED.

SHANGHAI LADY'S JOURNEY.

A Shanghai lady recently returned from Denmark via Siberia speaks enthusiastically about the comfort of this trip, says the North-China Daily News. Two things only are stressed, the carrying of "documents" or anything which might be construed as such, and talking about Russia in the train or other forms of unfriendliness should be avoided.

The trip is made without difficulties of any kind, according to this lady's experience, provided that all the necessary arrangements have been made beforehand. Never take a chance regarding your visa, is the most important rule to be observed, as anything not conforming with the regulations is apt to be regarded with suspicion. Apart from suspicion for "documents" Customs officials are not drastic in their search. They appear to be obsessed with an idea to see inside linings and behind small inner compartments, but beyond this, they cause no trouble about personal possessions.

The lady in question carried all her silk stockings in one small novelty bag inside a piece of her hand-luggage and this caused considerable consternation on the part of the examiner. Not that he was concerned about the numbers of silk stockings, apparently, but the novel way in which they were carried, put him instantly on the lookout for "something wrong." As a matter of fact, at the present time, it is quite evident, the lady states, that officials, guards, etc., are more on the lookout for Russian spies than they are busy investigating European travellers by the trans-Siberian express.

Many Conveniences.

Food is excellent and plentiful in the train. Tea can be obtained at any hour of the day, the guard bringing it into the compartment if requested, and there is an excellent dining car service. A samovar at the end of each corridor in the cars provides boiling water at all times, and a good precaution is to have a jug along which can be left in the train for carrying this water to the compartment as it comes in handy to have boiled water for washing the teeth and for similar requirements of the toilette.

To carry a small cushion and other items composing the equipment of one concerned about her comfort is a good precaution, also, though the point should be stressed that as much attention is paid by the guards to the traveller's comfort as could possibly be demanded. Sheets can be changed every day by paying a small fee, the average length of time which they are left on being two days. These are of smooth, fine texture and not the coarse heavy linen sometimes met with on continental trains. The compartments of the train are more spacious and comfortable than those on continental trains, if not as luxurious, and the fact that the train goes very slowly makes it glide along without jerks. At stations where it stops, fruit can be bought, and various edibles such as caviar and prepared meats so that, if one preferred to buy provisions in this way, meals could be eaten inside the compartments. At places where long stops are made by the train, as for example in Moscow where a five-hour stop-over is provided, the compartments are carefully looked up by the guards. Officials come into the train, moreover, along the way to examine passports or luggage except at Manchuria on the Russo-Chinese border where it is necessary to get out and attend to the formalities.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who read them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What are (a) ambergris; (b) verdigre; (c) meerschaum; (d) asbestos?
2. What is a bushel?
3. (a) Give the date when fox-hunting began; (b) give the correct pronunciation of "Pycheley" and "Delvair" respectively.
4. What is a tour de force?
5. Nine persons were given in 1920 life pensions for having committed a murder forty-five years previously. Who were they?
6. What is a dryad?
7. Give the missing names in (a) and Charybdis; (b) and Sullivan; (c) Antony and; (d) and the Swan; (e) and Pollux.
8. Who wrote a poem containing the lines "I'm farther off from heaven than when I was a boy"?
9. Who was John Huss?
10. Who was Charles II's consort?

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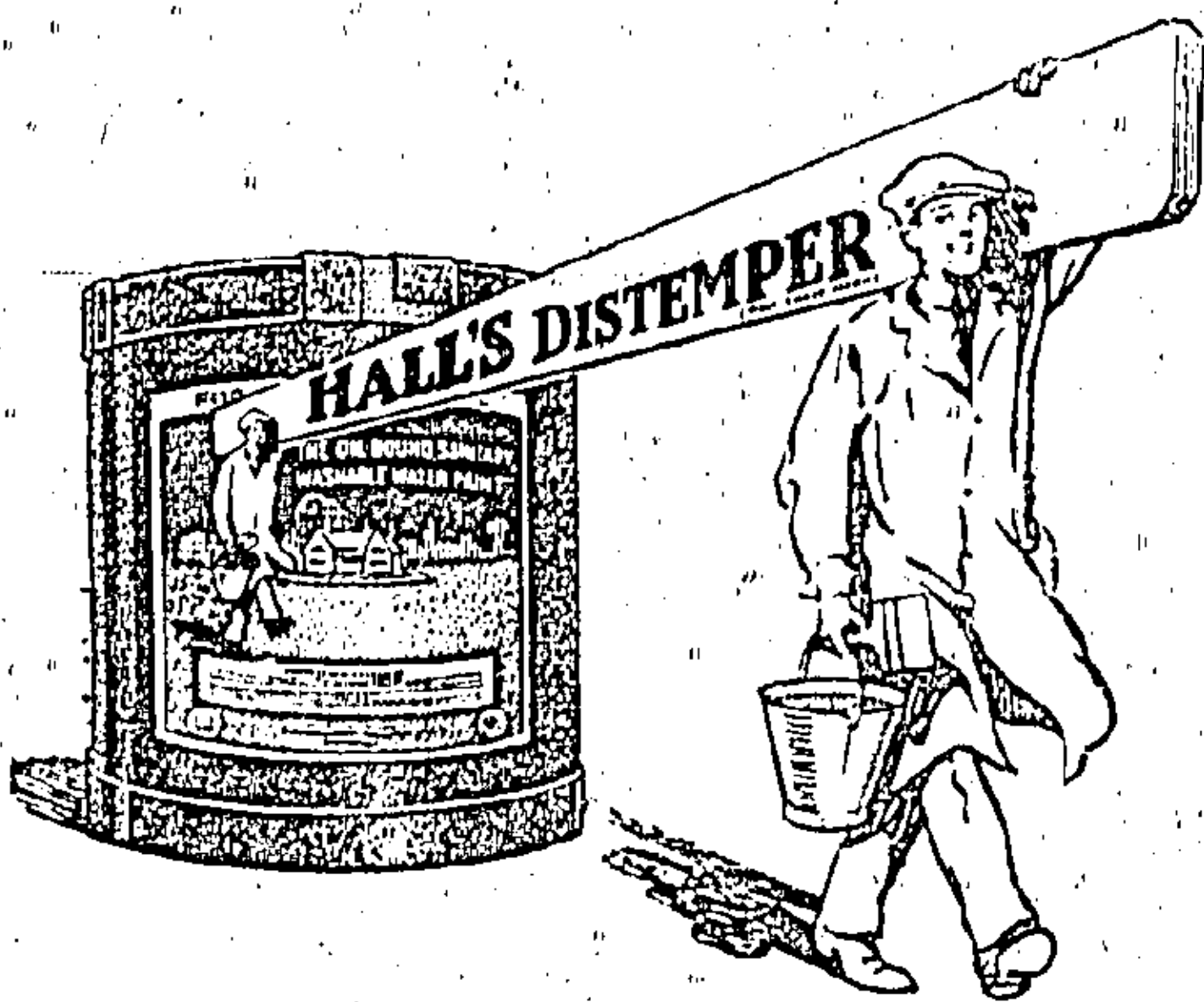
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NEW BOXING HALL FOR MANILA.

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An up-to-date open air stadium, with a seating capacity for 7,000 persons, for the purpose of promoting professional boxing bouts in the city, will soon be under construction in Manila. It is proposed to erect this stadium at the Lerma Park.

The principal object which has spurred the promoters of this new organization to plunge into the venture is to break the alleged monopoly of the Olympic Stadium over things pugilistic, says a Manila paper. The backers of this new entity believe that there is still room for one more club in the city dedicated to prize-fighting, and expect to draw a big number of fight fans to their shows by promoting some good bouts.

The principal backer of the enterprise is said to be an American of admitted business prestige in the city. The match-maker, the Bulletin was informed, is to be Ralph Cuyugan, prominent in local boxing circles and former handler of Kid Moro, Little Moro and Kid Napoy.

The backers of the new boxing clique are sure they will lure the best available local boxing talent to perform in their new open-air stadium. With Ralph Cuyugan in charge of making up the weekly cards, they count on the leading Cebu fighters to perform for them. They hope to have Little Moro and Kid Moro, admitted drawing cards, to be regular performers.

The boxing shows will be held every Saturday night, just as the Olympic Stadium is holding them. With the rainy season completely over by the time the new stadium starts promoting regular weekly shows, the backers of the enterprise will have until next June to decide whether the business will be a money-making proposition or not. In case it is, they may decide to construct a roof so as to continue promoting shows during the rainy season.

LATE HOME ITEMS.

KILLED BY BETTING TAX.

London, Nov. 5. It is announced that the Beaufort Club will close down on New Year's Eve, killed by the betting duty.

The Racing Depression.

Owing to the existing depression in racing the Jockey Club proposes to sanction a reduction in the values of stakes at the 1928 meetings where this is proved to be necessary.

Fencing.

Fraulein Helen Mayer, a pretty sixteen years old German girl, won the Hutton Cup (fencing) to-day, being undefeated.

Cheaper Tennis Balls.

In connection with the campaign of the Lawn Tennis Association with the object of securing cheaper tennis balls, in which they intended to supply specially marked balls through four firms, the tennis ball manufacturers have rejected the Association's request to tender for cheaper balls, declaring that it is impossible to recall tennis balls at 14s. 6d. a dozen. They also object to the non-marking of balls.

Corinthians Beat Cambridge.

The meeting between the Corinthians and Cambridge University this afternoon produced some interesting football, wherein the club were victorious by five goals to three.

Ireland's Rugby Captain.

The distinction of leading Ireland in the forthcoming international matches has been conferred upon G. V. Stephenson, the North of Ireland threequarter. Stephenson, who is not yet 20, started his rugby career at Haileybury, and was playing for Queen's University, Belfast, when he was capped against France in 1920. That was his only international match that season, but, with the exception of 1924, when again he only played against France, he has played for Ireland in every international match since.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE COMPETITION.

The final of the Queen's College Inter-class Football Competition will be played to-morrow at 3.30 p.m. at Queen's College Ground, Causeway Bay. President Mr. George Grimble, President of the Q.C.O.B.A., has kindly consented to present the shield and medals at 5 p.m. The Committee will be pleased to see as many Old Boys as can find it convenient to attend.

TINGCHOW BATTLE

GRAPHIC STORY OF FIGHTING.

DISGRACEFUL LOOTING.

A correspondent of the Peking and Tientsin Times, writes the following description of the battle between the Fengtian and Shansi forces for the possession of Tingchow:

After making some sort of pretence at defending Hsin Lo about 16 miles to the South, on the 3rd and 4th, the Mukden forces retired without further fighting. On October 5 the Shansi troops were in possession of Tingchow. Their behaviour was excellent, and there were no excesses of any sort. On the 7th, gun fire was faintly audible to the north (Wang Tu); but on the 8th heavy firing was heard to the east, which grew closer all day. This turned out to be the 20th Army under General Chi Yuchao, coming up by forced marches from Jen Chiu, a fine military performance, which was unfortunately marred by the disgusting behaviour of the troops after the battle.

On the morning of the 9th, the east suburb and the town gate were captured. Street fighting went on all day with alternating fortune. Shells, bullets, bombs, and trench mortar projectiles whistled over the town and burst amid the houses. The inhabitants were in a state of terror. About 6 o'clock the Shansi troops were in possession of a corner of the town, which they clung on to all the following day.

I am strongly of opinion that the gullible Manchuria warriors did not make any violent effort to "kick them out." The chance of filling their pockets under cover of the firing was too good to be missed. While this business was being attended to by a cordon of troops who were frequently relieved, others actively hunted the "enemy" in every house. This lasted for two days and nights, and everything was pillaged, sloop after shop, and house after house.

Missions Looted.

For the first time in this district even the Missions were not spared. The buildings of the Salvation Army, which had been evacuated and left in charge of a few Chinese caretakers, were burgled. The Catholic Church, where hundreds (principally women) had taken refuge, was looted several times. The European priest was tied to a tree, and threatened with death if he did not hand over the Mission money. The watches of the priests and refugees, the jewels of the women, valuable clothing, and even animals were carried off. Numbers of people in the town lost their lives.

This delightful work went on for two days and two nights, under cover of the battle which still continued with the Shansi forces. When all was over, this particular lot were shoved out of the town, and other regiments took their place to furnish themselves for the campaign, and console themselves for missing the glorious victory over the town. Then some of the Higher Command arrived, order was re-established, and flaming posters against looting were posted up.

Looting Everywhere.

As a matter of fact looting still went on, and the country districts in particular were systematically cleaned out. Not a single animal who can decently stand on four legs remains. For ten days the town became a huge market. A donkey fetched \$2 to \$5, a horse \$10 to \$15, a mule \$20 to \$30. In the main street very good clothes, watches, and jewellery could be bought at prices which defied all competition. The officers could not have been unaware of all this dealing in second-hand goods: buyers were numerous and rejoicing in their bargains. Everybody seems to find this state of things quite natural, and this is the saddest side of it all. In 20 years the morality of these poor people has deteriorated to a terrible extent. There was no reaction, or astonishment, or rather there was a reaction but almost as immoral as the crime. A large number of soldiers who had made their fortune, cleared out of the army.

Runaway Looters Lynched.

This accounts for the high casualty lists published for the action. Your paper gives 5,000 losses admitted by the Fengtian authorities. In reality there were not a thousand killed, the rest deserted after the looting. But these men got no profit from their excesses. The country people, who were thoroughly aroused and did not wish to miss a good chance, organised themselves into gangs, and every traveller passing through their villages was held up and searched. If money or jewellery was found in his possession he was convicted as a looting deserter, and wiped out. What was found on him constituted the reward of the lynchers. Dozens, perhaps hundreds, of runaways were thus summarily executed.

BATTLING KEY WINS TITLE.

JUDGES AND REFEREE DISAGREE.

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 5. In a contest for the Malayan lightweight title on Saturday, Battling Key, the former holder, beat Pereira, the holder, on points over 12 rounds. The judges disagreed with the referee's verdict. Key was behind on points after the first few rounds, but he boxed more cleverly in the later rounds, Pereira fighting rather wildly. The contest was vigorously and cleanly contested. Battling Key beat Moreno, who retired after the third round, having damaged his thumb when he had secured a lead on points.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

The Hongkong Football League tables, up to and including matches played on Saturday, are appended:

Senior Division.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chinese Ath.	7	6	1	0	23	3	13	
Queen's Regt.	7	4	1	2	25	10	9	
Recreio	5	4	0	12	5	9		
K.O.S.B.	7	3	3	1	10	6	9	
Scots Guards	8	3	3	2	14	9		
R.A.	6	3	0	3	11	6		
Air Force	8	2	1	5	11	13	5	
Police	8	2	1	5	4	9	5	
Kowloon	6	2	0	4	6	15	4	
South China	8	1	2	5	5	32	4	
H.K.F.C.	6	1	4	6	16	3		

Junior Division "A."

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.O.S.B.	6	0	0	0	29	12
St. Joseph's	7	5	1	1	12	10
Chinese Ath.	6	5	0	1	16	2
S. China "B"	7	3	2	2	4	7
Recreio	6	2	2	1	10	6
Kowloon	6	2	0	4	9	12
R.A. Res.	5	2	0	3	4	10
University	7	1	2	4	4	11
Club Res.	5	1	0	4	2	12
S. China "A"	7	1	0	6	3	19

Junior Division "B."

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chinese Ath.	5	4	1	0	18	7
Kung Ho	5	4	0	1	19	6
St. Joseph's	6	3	2	1	16	10
S. China "A"	5	2	1	2	7	5
Moslems	6	2	1	3	7	5
S. China "B"	6	2	1	3	5	12
Boy Scouts	6	2	0	4	11	13
Kowloon	5	0	0	5	2	24

HOME RUGBY.

WARATAHS BEAT THE SERVICES.

London, Nov. 5. With fine weather prevailing in most parts of the country there was some very interesting rugby this afternoon. The Waratahs fixture was against a strong XV representing the Combined Services, and it proved to be a very even struggle, the visitors winning by 13 points to 11. Other results were as follow:

Richmond 11; Merchant Taylors 5.
Newport 0; Cardiff 3.
Leicester 14; Cambridge University 14.
Bristol 5; Harlequins 0.
Blackheath 20; Oxford University 8.
Guy's 12; London, Scottish 0.
County Championship Matches.
In the County Championship this afternoon's results were:—
Yorkshire 19; Durham 3.
Cheshire 14; Lancashire 11.
Cumberland 3; Northumberland 0.
Dark Blues' Captain Breaks His Leg.

The match at Blackheath was marred by an unfortunate accident to Landale, the Oxford captain, who sustained a fractured fibula in the course of the game.

Wretched people! Where will public morality arrive if the excesses of the soldiery are not repressed, and heally is desirous of organising a stable government, tolerate such horrors which must be more prejudicial to his party than the loss of a battle. A month ago everyone desired his victory, to-day all are longing for the return of the Shansi troops, and if his Generals suffered a reverse there would be a rising and massacre. Sub-prefectures have been devastated, and as the troops penetrate further west the evil extends. It is the current talk of the men that their leaders have promised them three "free" days after every victory. If this is true, and facts seem to bear it out, what can be thought of the patriotism of such armies, who need such a stimulant before they will fight?

If the foreign Governments, instead of "losing face" by their inertia, which is put down to fear, would get together to help some reasonably honest man to bring order out of this chaos, they might perhaps be held up to obloquy by a lot of fanatics, students or journalists, who would not need much settling, but the real people would half them as liberators, and in my opinion they would be fulfilling a duty towards humanity.

THE INTERPORTS.

MORE COMMENT ON THE TRIALS.

A DIFFICULT WICKET.

[By "Looker On."]

Another, and I suppose the final, Interport practice match took place on Friday and Saturday last between the chosen Interport XI and a team captained by Captain E. W. Morris. The detailed score and reports have already appeared, but a few comments on the game may be of interest.

Captain Dobbie showed considerable improvement in form. He was bowling more like his old self and was swinging the ball considerably, in addition to keeping a good length. He also batted well. Both he and Lieut. Dale came in at a critical time, when matters were going none too well for the Interport XI, and they succeeded in "stopping the rot."

Hayward also batted better than he has done hitherto this year. During his innings of 50 odd, he gave a difficult chance to Bridgland, but, as far as I remember, that was the only one. I was glad to see he was fielding better also.

Sayer Disappoints.

The disappointment in the Interport side was Sayer. His display of batting was lamentable, and I fail to see how he is worth his place in the side on his present form. However, he has had a vast amount of experience in Interport cricket, so let's hope that he will strike his true form when the big matches are played. His fielding is always good and he saves a great many more runs in this department of the game than is generally realised.

Fincher, who was included at the last minute in the Interport side instead of Lieut. Hunt, who was sick, again batted well and so justified the contentions of his supporters, who say he should play in the big games. I have not the least doubt that he should do so. He is well worth his place in the side.

For Captain Morris's side, Lieut. Dynes again batted very well in both innings. He is a really good bat, and one realises that more and more every time one sees him play. His foot work leaves little to be desired, and his timing of the ball is also good. He was somewhat unlucky to be caught by a very good catch by Lieut. Hankey when he appeared to be well set in the second innings.

Captain Thorp bowled very well. He was unlucky not to have captured more wickets. He should prove a very useful bowler for the Army side this year.

So much for the Interport practice match. The wicket was again difficult, especially when Captain Morris's side went in to bat. But it improved on the second day. I am afraid that unless the wickets are considerably better for the big games, the scoring will not be very high.

Kowloon Best Venue.

It is a pity that the Interport games cannot be played at the Kowloon Cricket Club. To my mind there is no comparison between the wickets in Kowloon and those in Hongkong. There is more of a cricket atmosphere at the former place also. Not so many trams and cars and things "buzzing around." Besides, the Kowloon ground is considerably larger. However, I don't suppose Kowloon will ever be the venue of the Interport matches. It is too far away from the Hongks, and I suppose that is as it should be.

I see that Captain Barrett and Donald Leach, of Shanghai, are already down here, and played at Kowloon on Saturday. It is good to see them again. Neither of them needs any introduction to Hongkong cricket enthusiasts, as we all know their capabilities on the cricket field.

Two Centuries.

Two interesting scores were registered on Saturday. Both F. J. de Rome and A. E. Wood topped the hundred against the Chinese R.C. They are both to be congratulated on their very fine performances. Centuries always take some getting, no matter what the circumstances may be. The Army and R.A.F. match should be a good game. It is to be played on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to-morrow. I understand it has been staged with a view to discovering talent for the Services team against Shanghai, and Malaya. There should be quite a good "gate" for this game.

THE COMMISSION TO INDIA.

ANOTHER BOYCOTT DECISION.

Calcutta, Nov. 14. A conference of prominent party leaders, under the chairmanship of Sir Abdurrahim, has passed a resolution urging public bodies, particularly the legislatures, to boycott the Indian statutory commission.—*Reuter.*

Muslim Co-Operation.
Lahore, Nov. 14. The Punjab Muslim Executive has passed a resolution to co-operate with the Indian statutory commission.—*Reuter.*

Bill to be Expedited.

London, Nov. 14. Efforts are being made to expedite the passage through both Houses of the Government of India Statutory Commission Bill and its second reading will be moved in the House of Lords to-morrow. This short bill will enable the Commission to be set up before the expiration of the ten years contemplated. It is anticipated that there will be little opposition to the Bill and that the debate on important issues raised by the appointment of the Commission will be reserved till the resolutions approving of the proposed personnel of the Commission are brought forward.—*British Wireless.*

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

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Birmingham	v	Arsenal
DIVISION II.		
Bristol C.	v	Preston
Grimsby	v	Port Vale
DIVISION III. (SOUTH).		
Brighton	v	Plymouth
Torquay	v	Q. P. R.
DIVISION III. (NORTH).		
Southport	v	Lincoln
Tranmere	v	Darlington
SCOTTISH DIVISION.		
Falkirk	v	Rangers
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Y.M.C.A. BILLIARDS.

FINAL OF HANDICAP TOURNAMENT.

In the final of the Y.M.C.A. Billiards handicap last night, Mr. A. Leach defeated Mr. F. Cowherd by 250 points to 207. The flying handicap (27 up) will be played off on Wednesday, December 7th.

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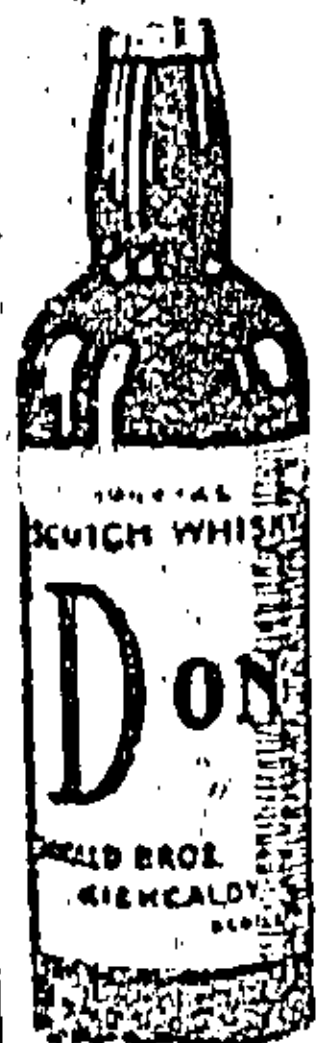
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THE FRANCISCAN JUBILEE.

CLOSE OF THE ROMAN CELEBRATIONS.

MUSSOLINI AND THE CHURCH.

Rome.—The two years given up to celebrating the seventh centenary of the death and canonisation of St. Francis have closed. All the ceremonies are over, but a writer in the *Osservatore Romano* expresses the hope of many people in the world who are not necessarily Roman Catholics when he says: "Stay with us, oh, Francis! To-day, no less than in thy time, thy presence is urgently needed lest humanity be submerged."

The Church and others point out that the present century—a period of industrialism and scepticism—is repeating the same errors as the thirteenth century, only on a vaster scale. "The same ills need the same remedies; hence the actuality of the Franciscan ideal," continues the writer.

Fifty thousand pilgrims have visited the Franciscan basilica on the hill and in the plain, some from Japan and South America. The chief ceremonies in honour of the jubilee were the inauguration of the new motor road to La Verga, the mystical midnight procession to the Church of St. Francesco, where the saint is buried, the blessing of the "peace bells" of the Communal palace, and the commemoration of the Canticle of the Sun in St. Damiano by the National Association of the Blind. The visit to Assisi at the opening of the Jubilee of the Papal Legate, who was given a special train by the Government and met by the Mayor of Assisi and the Minister of Education, showed the change in the relations between Church and State.

The jubilee has closed with an even more significant event which set the "peace bells" of Assisi ringing joyfully. On October 4, the feast day of St. Francis, after sixty-seven years, the Government has restored the great Convent attached to the basilica on Mount Subasio to the Friars Minors; and the orphan children of elementary school masters were moved into their new orphanage which has been built in another part of the town by the Friars with a substantial subsidy from the Government, with a free site granted by Commune of Assisi. This even is only one of the many examples of the goodwill shown by Signor Mussolini towards the Roman Catholic Church.

The divorce lists for the Michaelmas Law sittings, show a total of defended, undefended, and jury cases of 796. The undefended petitions number 620; the defended and prolate actions to be heard before the judge sitting alone 134, and special and common jury suits 10 and 32 respectively. Of the 620 undefended petitions for divorce more than 400 are by wives. Husband petitioners for full relief number 190. Twelve wives and 8 husbands are claiming divorces of nullity; and four wives ask for the restitution of conjugal rights. The preponderance of woman petitioners for divorce has been very marked since the passing of the Act of July 1923 enabling wives to claim relief on the single ground of adultery.

HIGHEST DIVORCE RATE.

THREE TO EVERY FOUR MARRIAGES IN RUSSIA

The Russian divorce rate, which has been growing steadily higher ever since the Bolsheviks came into power, has now become the highest in the world.

In Leningrad, for instance, official statistics show that there are three divorces to every four marriages. The recently available figures for the first five months of this year record 9,681 marriages and 7,255 divorces. During the same period of 1926, the numbers were 8,472 marriages and 2,126 divorces; the average for the whole year was about one divorce for five marriages.

Either party is now permitted to obtain the annulment of a marriage merely for the asking. The same facility of divorce exists, though for men only, in Egypt. It costs an Egyptian husband practically nothing to obtain a divorce, but a wife has to bring suit against her spouse in the courts and has to prove that he has left her or been cruel to her. But even Egypt has not nearly so high a rate as has developed in Leningrad.

The English divorce rate has been increasing very rapidly of late years. The average yearly number of suits, considered in groups of recent five-year periods, was 563 in 1901-5; 624 in 1906-10; 656 in 1911-15; 1,510 in 1916-20; and 2,734 in 1921-25. The publication of the lists for the Michaelmas law term show that by the end of this year, 1927 will have seen about 3,500 divorce suits.

RENUMBERING BERLIN.

NEW AND UNIFORM SYSTEM TO BE IMPOSED.

Berlin.—The zeal for reformation in all that applies to the outward and visible state of the city in Berlin is now being extended to the numbering of houses. These are in future to be so adapted to the needs of those seeking an address that an even number on one side of the street will be exactly opposite the odd numbers on the other. Should an open space occur on either side, the site will be regarded as occupied by the number of houses that may some day be there. This means the renumbering of practically the whole city.

Foreigners who have been bewildered in Berlin—and they are many—now learn to their amazement that the policy hitherto followed by the civic authorities was to "begin" the street numbers at the point where the street traffic was thickest, so that "one" was often at a corner where nobody suspected it, but certainly not at the end of the road.

The enormous gaps in consecutive numbers, either odd or even, that will occur when a park or big square faces a row of houses will be a feature of the new system.

WHEN THE POPE WAS IN LONDON.

HIS STORY TO 100 POLICEMEN.

The Pope received the party of 100 London policemen, who were introduced by Monsignor Howlett and Mr. Wallace, president of the Catholic Police Association, at home last month.

After the Pope had gone about among the party, giving each man his hand to kiss, he turned to Mr. Howlett and exclaimed, "Fine men," regarding the police with admiration. The Pope recalled that in the year that the association was founded he was for the second time in London—"in your great, glorious, and powerful island"—from which he had brought back most pleasant recollections.

Two souvenirs of that visit, he said, were particularly dear to him and they were both connected with the police. One day he wished to go to Westminster Cathedral, but being uncertain about the direction he asked a policeman, who, with extreme courtesy, told him in detail how to get there.

He had gone part of the way when he noticed someone was coming after him and on turning saw the same policeman, who, realising that he had not been quite correct in the information he had given, wished to impress on the Pope that he had to "bear to the right and not to the left."

Another time, the Pope continued, he stopped to admire the great paternal patience of the policeman watching and protecting a number of small schoolboys who had dispersed over the park on leaving school.

"You represent," the Pope said, "the finest and noblest militia, because you aim at maintaining public tranquillity from which inestimable benefits are derived."

QUEEN AND A BLIND SOLDIER.

WINNING THE HEARTS OF THE U.S. LEGION.

PALACE INCIDENT.

When the King and Queen received at Buckingham Palace Colonel Howard P. Savage, National Commander of the American Legion, and more than 200 members of that body, a slight, fair-headed young man seemed to be too embarrassed to take his Majesty's proffered hand.

"This, sir," said Col. Savage, introducing him, "is Lieutenant Frank Schoble junior, of Philadelphia; he was blinded in the war."

At these words the Queen stepped forward, and, taking the blind man's hand, led him to the King, who sympathetically questioned him as to when and where he received his injury.

Lieut. Schoble, now gripping the King's hand, told of how a fragment of shell had struck him in the head, blinding him instantly and rendering him for some time completely deaf and without sense of smell. "It happened on October 5, 1918," he added.

"Oh, I'm so sorry," the Queen exclaimed with compassion. "It was very hard that it should have happened just before the Armistice." And she clasped his hand once more.

Effect of Sympathy.

Lieut. Schoble said afterwards to a newspaper reporter:

"What the Queen did and said affected me tremendously; it was so very human—so very beautiful. I shall never forget it nor, I think, will my comrades who stood by and saw and heard."

I knew in that moment that both the King and the Queen were just like the pictures of them that I had seen before I was blinded—that they were good, and kind, and altogether human."

Mr. Paul T. Winter, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, who has acted as Lieut. Schoble's guide throughout the Legionaries visit to Europe, declared that the incident had touched the whole party.

From Buckingham Palace the Legionaries motored to the Guildhall, where they were the guests of the Lord Mayor, Sir Rowland Blanes, M.P., and the Corporation of the City of London at luncheon.

The venerable antiquity of the great Banqueting Hall, with its quaint monuments, its stained-glass windows, its musicians' gallery, and especially the spectacle of the two white-garbed carvers of the barons of beef standing high in their "pulpits"—all combined to produce in the Americans, as many of them confessed, feelings not of mere astonishment but of awe.

Linked by War.

Colonel Savage, when he replied to the toast of the American Legion, pointed to the British and American flags which festooned the walls and said with deep feeling:

"We Legionaries hope most earnestly that the symbol of these entwined flags may be interpreted as evidence of the friendliness and cordiality existing between our two great nations. We desire that cordiality and that understanding to grow and increase."

Colonel Savage made a reference to the great pilgrimage of British ex-Servicemen to France next year to be organised by the British Legion. "We of the American Legion received a real thrill," he said, "when we learned to-day that Earl Haig had decided to take 5,000 members of the British veteran forces back to revisit old scenes. Your welcome will astound you, for the people of France and Belgium have not forgotten."

Raising his glass, Colonel Savage cried: "To the men of Great Britain!" and there was a great responsive shout from the assembled Legionaries.



If you have a hot head you'll get a cold shoulder.

"BULLDOG DRUMMOND."

HEAVY BOOKINGS ENSURE ANOTHER SUCCESS.

Last night the A.D.C.'s forthcoming production was played through in its entirety. It can be safely said that it will maintain the high traditions of the Club. Last week rehearsals were curtailed owing to the fact that the cast were "rotten perfect." An explanation of this expression is perhaps necessary. A cast which has worked as this one has done almost every day for over two months has a tendency to get stale, and the expression "rotten perfect" simply implies that apart from one or two minor details, nothing can be done to improve the production.

Those taking part want the presence of an audience as an incentive to the exertion of their best endeavours. So good was the rehearsal last night that the producer has decided to give the cast a day's rest this week, though there is, of course, a lot to do in connexion with stage effects.

It is not easy to give a realistic representation on the stage of the various stunts described in Sapper's exciting book, but it will undoubtedly surprise many to find what can be done.

Heavy Booking.

Unfortunately, Major Macready is leaving Hongkong before the A.D.C. can produce their next play, and it is therefore hoped that those who have in the past enjoyed his acting and his efforts as a producer will pay him the compliment of prompt attendance.

Their Excellencies the Officer Administering the Government and the General Commanding the Troops, as well as the Commodore, will be present on the first night, and a visit to Anderson's yesterday afternoon revealed the fact that booking is heavy, particularly for the first performance, on Saturday next, for Wednesday the night when the interport teams will attend, and for the last performance on Saturday the 26th.

The play is crowded with incident and for proper appreciation of the plot it is absolutely necessary to be present at the rise of the curtain, quite apart from the fact that the first act contains some of the brightest and most humorous dialogue. The curtain will be raised at 9.15 p.m. at every performance.

EX-KAISER'S SISTER.

WHY WILHELM WITHDREW HIS APPROVAL.

Bonn, Nov. 14.
Riding pillion on her fiancée's motor cycle, is among the pleasures indulged in by the sexagenarian Princess Victoria.

In an interview with *Reuter*, she explained that the ex-Kaiser, who anyway was not head of the Schaumburg-Lippe family, withdrew his approval of her marriage in consequence of scandalous newspaper articles. The Princess bitterly complained of the hundreds of insulting letters she received daily, many anonymous. "I am only too glad to have someone to protect and love me, and only too glad to fulfil my husband's wishes."

Zoubkoff admitted the disparity in ages, but added, "Every woman would like to be as young as the Princess, no matter how old she actually is in years." The Princess keeps fit by dancing, tennis, swimming and walking. *Reuter*.

[A Berlin message of November 4 stated: It is stated that the ex-Kaiser has informed his sister, Victoria, (aged 60) that if she marries the Russian dancer Zoubkoff, (aged 26) whose betrothal to the princess was announced recently, he will break off all relations with her.

A registry ceremony is expected to take place at Bonn on November 24.]

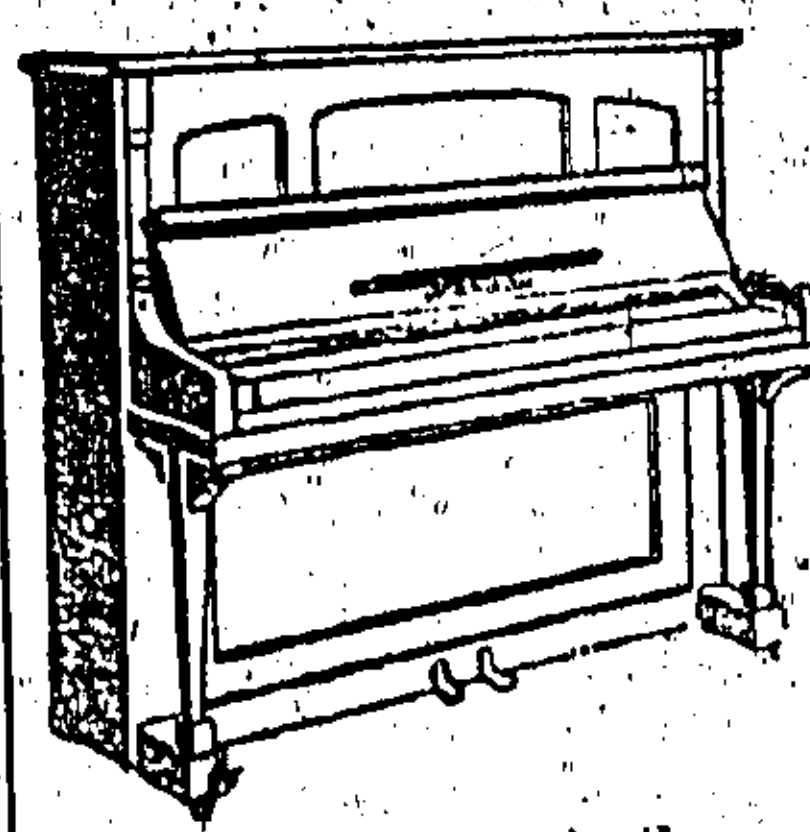
In a telegram congratulating Mr. Jim Larkin on his election to the Oirell, the Irish Free State Parliament, the Red International of Moscow states: "We are now convinced that your election will be the starting point for the organisation of the Irish proletariat and will be a first step towards attracting the workers of Ireland towards the programme and the tactics of the Red International. Mr. Larkin is now the representative of the Irish Workers' Union on the executive of the International and its chief agent in the Irish Free State."

Prince Henry visited Ipswich recently, where he opened the Gainsborough Bicentenary Memorial Exhibition at the corporation museum. The streets were lined with cheering crowds who gave him a reception which he described as "marvellous in its enthusiasm."

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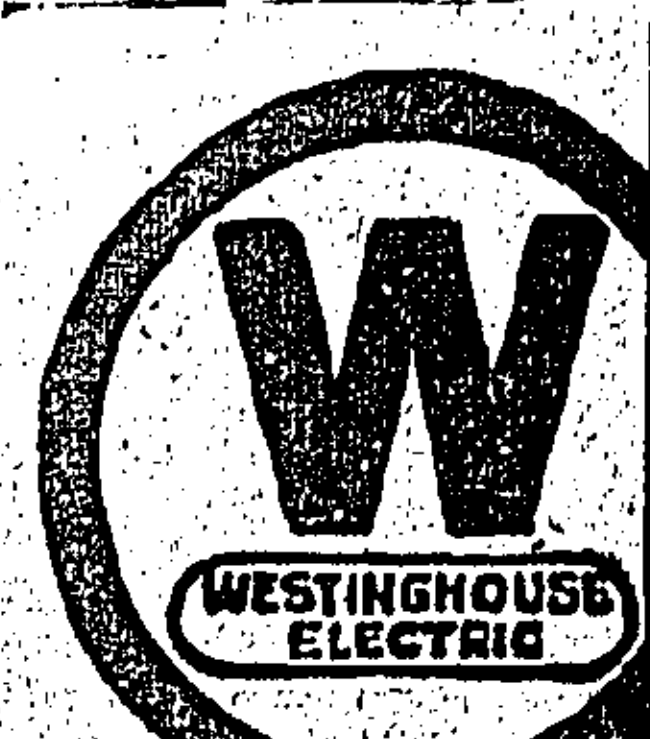
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CHAPTER XXVI.

The rounding off came a few weeks later. Lady Merafield had left the district for a time. Miss Newland had gone across to join her father in Brittany. Quance had put off the character of chauffeur and returned to Gower Street and his algebra and his "stinks."

Then I received a letter from Overbury, asking if I could spare a week to join a party in Brittany, and bring Mrs. Franks with me. "na Mary Newland won't hear of the reunion without Mrs. Franks." It appeared that Professor Newland had been rather badly off colour since the trying experience of the trip across the Channel with the dying Vinson and the horror of his death. He was now recovered, but before he left for home he wanted to have all the people with him who had taken any part at all in the affair. "Also," wrote Overbury, "I think there's going to be some sort of celebration of the engagement of Quance and Mary Newland, and that's why the girl wants Mrs. Franks so specially."

So, during a long and golden day in October, I and my wife travelled from Cherbourg by a slow and jerky train through Normandy and Brittany to the terminus at Brest, and then took a ferry boat across the wonderful harbour, and an omnibus at La Fret, and late at night reached the curious little town of Crozon. Overbury met us in the cobbled square by the church, and took us on in a car towards the sea. He had just gripped my hand and said, "Good old Papa Franks!" That was all.

In a short drive we descended to the seashore and so along a sandy road to where a big hotel faced the Atlantic on the edge of the fishing village of Morgat.

The season was over, and the vast place was almost empty but for Newland's party. Nobody had waited up for us. "Bed's the order to-night," said Overbury. "We thought you would be exhausted with your journey."

Both of us were grateful for the consideration. My wife told me the next morning that she had slept well. I could not rid my slumber of dreams. I was in the house where the tragic Vinson had died. No doubt in the little harbour below lay the vessel in which he had made that last voyage of which I had seen the start.

We all met at breakfast—Lady Merafield, Miss Newland (making much of my wife), Quance, Greene, Overbury, and our host, the Professor. As always on an occasion of ceremony, it was a long time before we got at the topic of the day. There was a certain strain. I came down last. Overbury introduced me to Newland, who shook hands and said, "Ah, well! all the lawbreakers are here at last."

Newland was not a bit like my conception of a professor. He looked more like a well-preserved prize fighter, refined by ten years' asceticism.

Dodging the subject in all our thoughts, he and Overbury got to discussing the ethics of chemical war. Newland was interesting because of the inconsistency of his views and his proceedings. He detested the very notion of making war in the laboratory.

"Dirty secondarism," he called it, "inhuman brutality. The morals of the tiger and the methods of the civet-cat."

I saw my wife nodding her approval. "But science," said Newland, "must discover all, invent all. If men use inventions and discoveries for the misery and damnation of the race—well, my dear Overbury, that's their funeral."

It was not till we had gathered with pipes and cigarettes in the glazed balcony in front of the hotel that the Merafield affair was mentioned.

I saw a large motor-boat lying at moorings under the hill beyond the village of Morgat. I pointed her out to Overbury, with a question in my eyes.

"Yes," said he, "that's Terpsichore. We had a good passage—twelve hours. Only a little late for lunch. Newland is a demon at motor-boats."

"Ah, Mr. Franks," said Newland, "I've heard from Mary of your exploits that night. You deserve to be in the dock with the rest of us, only more so. Still, many thanks. We could not save poor Vinson, but we all did our best."

I deprecated any allusion to my part in the affair. I said that the

best thing I could do was to bury Franks the blundering amateur detective, and revive Franks the efficient official. But before I did so, there were one or two things I should like to know from Quance and Overbury.

"Am I right in supposing that when Overbury and Merafield went overboard from the lugger, they jumped to escape a shot from the Belle Rose?"

"Yes," said Overbury. "It was the first warning we had. No doubt poor Vinson, when he saw Merafield's red cap go over the side, thought he had done the trick."

"When Quance met you in the morning on your arrival, you were surprised to see him, and he had to explain why he was there. And that put you up to the danger?"

"Yes, but up to then nobody had known that Vinson had identified Merafield as the man he wanted to kill. It was the first intimation, and it was a jolly close call."

"And then Vinson found out somehow that he had missed his cormorant?"

"Cormorant?" said Overbury, with a puzzled air.

I had forgotten that nobody knew of my interview with Lilliecrap. I told that story.

"But," said I, "I have always been in the dark about what scared you and Merafield at the golf links on the Tuesday."

"Oh," said Quance, "that was my stunt. I had been keeping a sharp look-out during the day, and in the afternoon I saw Vinson on Highcliff, going towards Longstone. You know, he was dangerous, and I did not want to get shot myself, so I telephoned to the links, told Merafield to keep under cover till I came with the big car, then he could come home the short way. It was lucky. Vinson missed him altogether. He would have shot him in his tracks. I met him while I was driving the two-seater back by the main road."

Quance paused. "Did you speak to him?" I asked.

"A curious thing—he spoke to me. He saw me and recognised me, and yelled out, 'Hello, Quance.' I stopped, of course. You know, I don't believe he ever realised that I was in chauffeur clothes, or thought it strange that I should be there, poor chap. It was most extraordinary; he seemed otherwise quite normal and reasonable. Then I thought of something. Vinson was very fond of Mary—Miss Newland. I said, suddenly, 'Mary Newland is at Chittlehamstead, sir, and would like to see you very much. Why don't you go and look her up while you're in these parts?' Of course, I don't know what notion he had at the back of his poor mind, but he seemed to jump at the proposal. I said I could drive him there at once if he liked. He said 'No, he was tired; but he would be glad if I would take him back to Westport. He would go and see Mary next day.' So I drove him to the hotel where he was staying at Westport. The porter said, 'Missed you last night, sir.' But even then I didn't guess the boat and Highcliff Creek. He had stolen in there at night and hidden her up. I found her afterwards."

"And did he go to Chittlehamstead on the Wednesday?"

"Oh, yes. He hired a car, went out and stayed all day."

I looked towards Miss Newland. "Yes," she nodded, "Bertram telephoned to me that he might turn up, and what to do—to try to talk him into reason. We went for a walk in the afternoon, and he talked about Ann quite rationally. He stayed to dinner, and afterwards I played to him. He was very good. I tried to induce him to take a room at the hotel and stay another day, but he could not make up his mind. Towards midnight he got very excited and left all of a hurry. I had promised Bertram to send a telephone message if there was anything suspicious about his movements."

"Overbury and I had agreed that this would be the best thing to do," Quance put in. "We could watch all right by day, but after dark was the danger. Merafield had had a shock, and was pretty bad on the Wednesday. Overbury therefore left a note for him. We went scouting around in the car all day while he was supposed to be fishing. But the mischief of it was that the telephone message came too late."

"I tried hard to get through as soon as he went," said Miss Newland; "but there was some obstruction on the line. I think it was a fault between Chittlehamstead and Exeter. Anyway, it was some time after two when

I got through, and said what I had been told to say."

"It's a long way from Chittlehamstead to Merafield," said I. "How did he do it?"

"He must have driven hell-for-leather to Westport. He got there about one o'clock and returned the car. Then he must have sweated his inside out walking out to Merafield Tower. He was in an awful state when we found him. I had been uneasy all night. I didn't undress, thinking there might be a message from Mary. My bedroom overlooked the quadrangle, and I could see the library windows. The light was on all night, and I knew Merafield had not gone to bed. Then about half-past two I thought I heard a telephone bell. I stole down to hear what the message was, and was going right into Merafield's room when I heard a little noise in the passage behind the green door."

"But how did he get into the house?" I asked.

"Easily enough—through a window in the servants' block. I found it afterwards. You simply had to pull it open."

"And then?"

"When I heard the noise, I drew back into the alcove under the staircase and waited. It was a blood-curdling wait. All of a sudden I heard three sounds in succession—first, Vinson running from the balise door to the library and, as I was about to follow him, a door opening in the gallery, which diverted me for a moment, and then Overbury coming down."

"And you and Overbury spoke—"

"A few words. I just told him that Vinson had gone into the library. We went forward instantly together. We had a momentary vision of Vinson pointing at Merafield, who was covering half out of his chair. Then he heard us, turned, saw us coming, and immediately shot 'Merafield dead.'"

We were all very still as Quance told this story.

"I think you'd better go on now, Overbury," said he. I glanced at Overbury, sitting beside Lady Merafield, who had covered her face with her hands.

"It's pretty gruesome," said he, "and there isn't much more to tell. Vinson collapsed like a pricked balloon when he had fired the shot. He fell to the floor, and the pistol dropped out of his hand. I picked it up without any particular notion why. It would have been much better to have left it there, as it happened, than Lady Merafield would never have taken it from me, and we might have been saved a part of the scandal. However, Quance's brain must have been working much better. He told me he knew how to get Vinson away, and that I was to go back and prevent anybody from coming into the room for a minute or two. I did, as you know."

I looked to Quance again. "Old Mason," he said, "had taken rather a fancy to me, and had told me as a great secret about the tower staircase—even taken me up there. That was the first thing I thought of when puzzling what to do with Vinson. I just shouldered the man and went up."

"And what made Overbury conceal himself there as well?" I asked.

"It was Lady Merafield's idea. We were dead sure that the Fernside woman meant mischief. Be-

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lieves, as Quance said, Vinson was in a dreadful state. He would want carefully watching, and Quance couldn't do it. If we had known of the boat then we might have tried it. But we didn't until Vinson was well enough to tell us about it. So we decided to risk taking Mason into our confidence. He was a great sport. He bamboozled you and the detective from Scotland Yard and everyone else."

"You must have had a trying two or three weeks, Overbury," said I.

"Not so very amusing," he replied. "It wasn't so bad while Quance was about, but when they took Quance I was in a rotten position. Vinson was up and down every day. Sometimes he would be almost raving mad. Once he had a perfectly maniacal desire to see Mary Newland. That was the very day Quance was pinched. Quance thought he might risk it in the big car, and we smuggled him out with the help of Mason. He was quieter after that. Greene and Newland had been fixing up with Quance the coup of the Terpsichore. Fortunately, all the arrangements had been made before they arrested Quance. But with him away, I don't know that we could have brought it off without you, Franks."

I waved compliments away. "No, my dear fellow," Overbury persisted, "but for you and Mrs. Franks it could not have been done. It was Mrs. Franks who made it possible to get Vinson away early by taking him through the wood to her house. Mason told me that she was almost carrying him. And if you had not worked out the idea of the two butlers, I'm certain I could never have got through Rossiter's cordon."

"Anyhow," said Newland, getting up, "whether he likes it or not, Mr. Franks has got to take the honours. And now, I vote we wash out the past, and go and have a stroll before lunch, when I shall have the pleasure of asking you to drink to the health of Mr. and Mrs. Quance."

"Oh, Dad!" cried his daughter, "you've no sense of drama. You've given it away in the first act!"

"Married?" we all exclaimed. "This morning, while you were all asleep, Quance said he didn't want a lot of women fussing around and making him feel an ass. You can persuade them to have another ceremony in England if you dare try. But they're married safe enough, and this little baggage being off my hands I breathe freely for the first time in twenty-one years."

I thought my wife kissed the girl in a charmingly motherly way, and I thought Mrs. Quance was of the same opinion.

Newland took my wife in tow to show her the caverns of Morgat. I walked along the sands with Overbury and Lady Merafield.

"I'm not going to try to thank you, my friend," Lady Merafield said.

"I don't want Lady Merafield to thank me now, but if Mrs. Overbury should feel like saying a word of acknowledgment later on..."

"I'll see to that, Franks," said Overbury, collecting her arm under his.

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Moscow a Dismal Place.

The trip started at 7 p.m. on a Thursday from Berlin, and the following night the Polish border was reached where it was necessary to change trains. On Saturday at 2 p.m. Moscow was reached, and travellers were able to have five hours there returning to

the same China car which was waiting for them at another station, so that the luggage problem was solved without ado. Moscow appeared a dismal place, without the fine shops or well-dressed people remembered from the old days. It was not possible to enter the Kremlin and the Tomb of Lenin appeared deserted when the Shanghai lady visited these places.

At Moscow a fellow-traveller, an American girl-journalist, who had travelled from Berlin reached her final destination. This young woman, who was preparing to spend six months' writing articles for an American paper, had had considerable difficulty with officials over her typewriter which aroused much distrust. Whether or not however, she was able to persuade the official of the innocence of her journalistic paraphernalia was never found out by our informant.

Leaving Moscow at 10 a.m. on Saturday the trans-Siberian train, which was filled with China people returning from leave, arrived in Manchuli the following Saturday at 9 p.m., this portion of the journey being the trans-Siberian section.

From Manchuli to Changchung required until 7 o'clock Monday

morning, and at 9 p.m. Dalny was reached where the steamer for Shanghai was taken.

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The same points were brought out by a Shanghai business man who returned on the same train, and who declared that seven round-trip day should be sufficient for travelling first-class across Siberia. He advised also the taking of whatever spirits would be required as good brandy, whiskey, and go on could not be obtained in the train. The only drinks were Crimean wine and vodka and a fairly good beer. It was his experience that less difficulties were encountered than before the war and the only essential was to have passports vised and papers filled out so that no question could be raised on that score. A camera, put down on the passport, could also be used.



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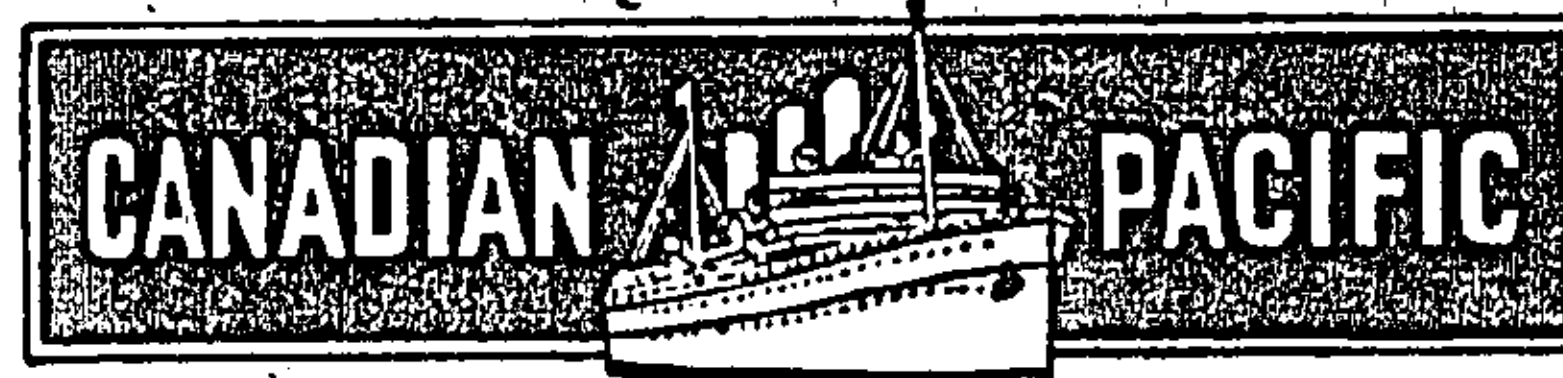
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Kiukiang, Nov. 3.

Kiukiang is again in the zone of military operations. There is a large permanent garrison of the 3rd Army and for the past two days troops of the 6th and 7th Nanking Armies have arrived in thousands by steamer, landed and marched through to the Railway Station, en route for Hunan Province via Ning (Shuishui).

The north bank opposite Kiukiang still appears to be held by the Hankow 35th and 36th Armies, but it is only a question of days before those troops fall back on Hupeh, as it is unlikely they will put up a fight on Kiangsi soil.

Property in Concession Occupied.

All mission properties inside the native city have again been occupied, the Roman Catholic Church in the Concession and some houses belonging to the French fathers. This is the first occasion since the return of foreigners to Kiukiang last March that property in the Concession has been seized. As it is known that still larger bodies of troops are on their way to Kiukiang from down river, the foreign residents have begun to wonder where this seizing of foreign property will cease. They remember that the looting of the Concession last January was done by the men of these very same armies, the 6th and 7th.

Attempt at Improvements.

The Chinese administrators of the ex-Concession are unlucky. They have only just finished repairing the Bund footpath by raising it to its original level. It is true that for this purpose, instead of the cinders of the old days of British administration, they used river mud taken from the recently exposed foreshore, so that the footpath is a quagmire in wet weather, but still the intention was good. And who would have thought that the militarists of the 6th and 7th Armies would bring all their numerous ponies and ride them up and down the repaired footpaths thus spoiling the good work? And the pig-headed foreigners still refuses to pay taxes for the services they do not get. Truly it is a hard life for Administrators!

The Chinese authorities issued a warning that steamers were liable to search at Mateng, Hukow and the Pagoda a mile below Kiukiang. As it is extremely inconvenient for steamers to stop at these places, especially the last, the Chinese authorities were informed that arrangements could be made for British steamers to be searched in Kiukiang harbour, but that steamers would not stop elsewhere.

There was no trouble at Mateng or Hukow but the soldiers stationed at the Pagoda have regularly stopped the launches plying between Kiukiang and the oil companies' installations. They do not search the launches, but stop them, make them wait a lit-

tle, and then allow them to proceed, the idea being, it seems, to assert their authority.

A party of troops also has been stationed a mile above Kiukiang near Anderson, Meyer & Co.'s cotton mill, though no notice was issued that steamers would be required to stop there.

Firing on Steamers.

For several consecutive days, in spite of protests, these troops fired on all steamers that passed by. Finally the Defence Commissioner was told that the firing must cease, otherwise the British Navy would retaliate. He failed to apologize for the shooting, but admitted that his troops had exceeded their instructions and he stated that orders had been issued that no more firing was to take place.

The very next morning, the str. Luenho, when passing the cotton mill was fired on. H.M.S. Cricket was standing by and she promptly fired two 6 inch shells at the soldiers who could plainly be seen working their rifles from the top of a brick kiln.

This is the first time that naval gunfire has been heard from Kiukiang, and what has impressed the local Chinese immensely is that after the second shot there was nothing left of that solid brick kiln. It was a well known landmark. One minute it was there and the next it was gone. There has been no more firing on steamers since.

At the autumn graduation ceremony at St. Andrews University the principal, Sir James Irvine, said he had been authorised to divulge the identity of the anonymous benefactor of the university who a few months ago gave \$100,000. Their benefactor, he said, is Dr. Edward Stephen Harkness, of New York, well-known on both sides of the Atlantic for great gifts to Yale University and for his untiring efforts to bind together the Anglo-American countries and to minimise human suffering.

Mr. W. Kilpatrick, the Cape-town dental mechanic, formerly of Leeds, who won about \$60,000 by drawing Call Boy, the Derby winner, in the Calcutta Sweep, left Southampton for Capetown after a three-months holiday in England. "Since winning the sweepstake," he said, "I have received more than 4,000 begging letters, mainly of the charity-begins-at-home type, and my mailbag still totals something like 50 a day. I have been asked to buy motor-cars, theatres, and even a tower with great grounds to be used as a park for the public."



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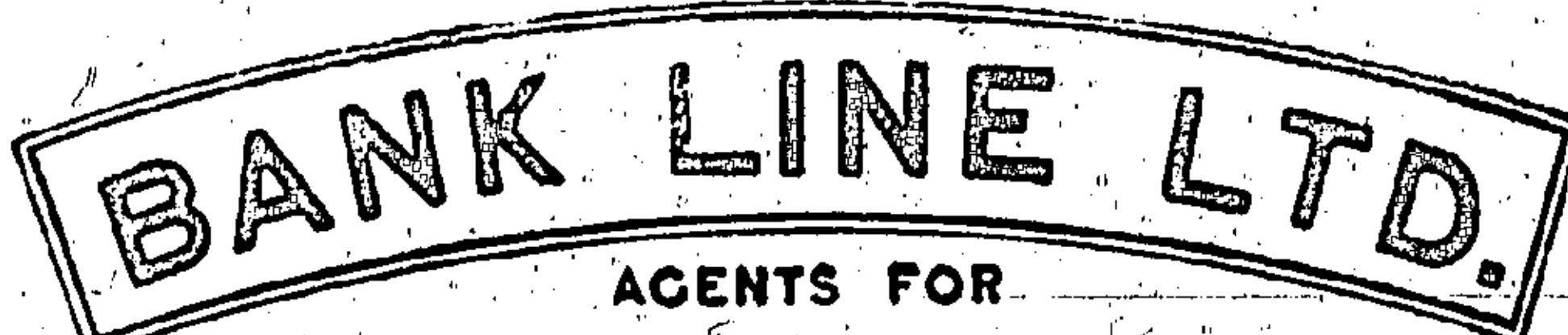
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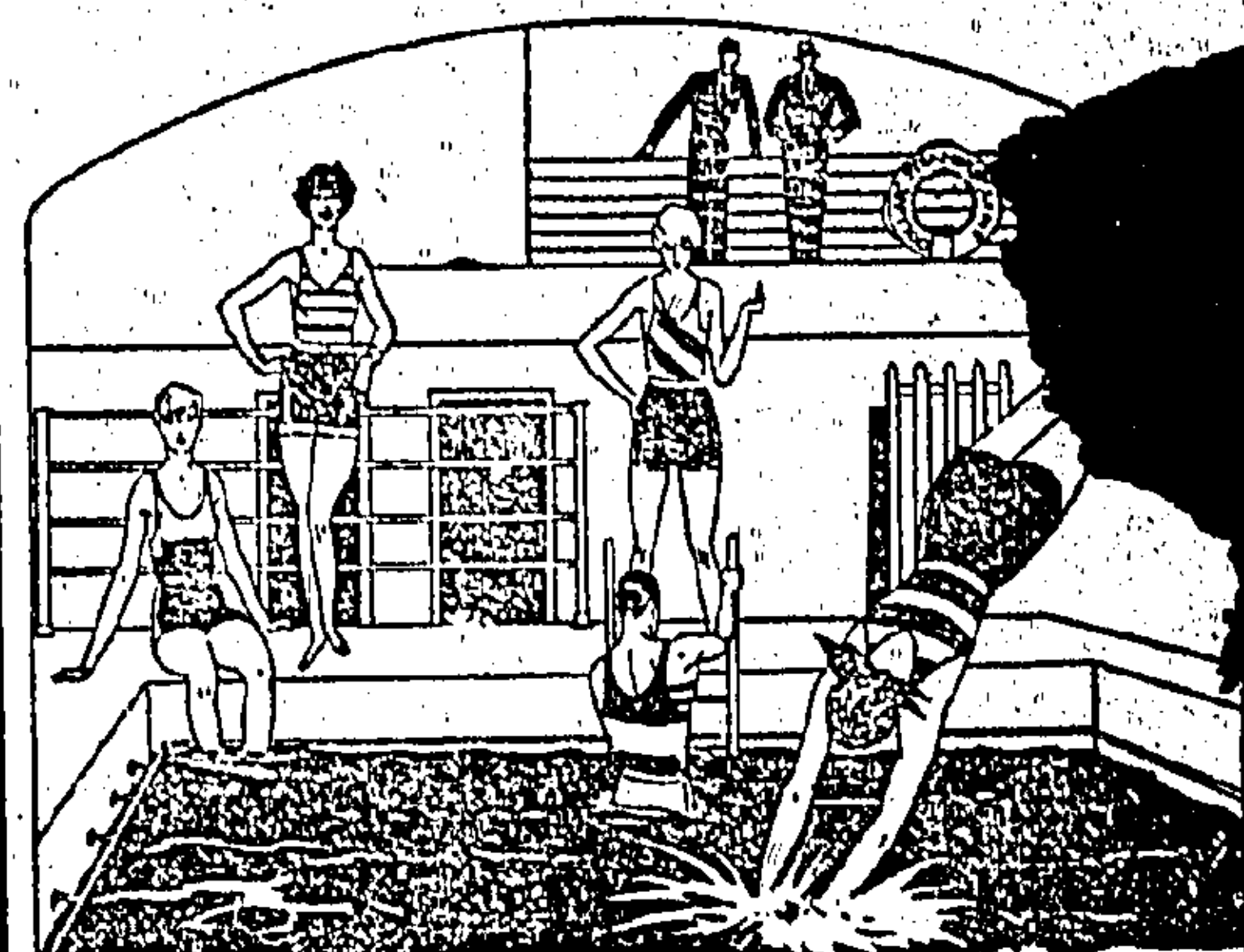
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NANKING CONTROLS
WUHAN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

WOOSUNG BOMBARDED.

Cruisers Shell Forts.

Shanghai, Nov. 14.

Two Northern cruisers, one of
them being the "Hachi," sailed
up to the Woosung Forts, wasted
a few rounds, and then turned tail,
yesterday morning.

Not more than four or five shells
were fired, none reached their
objection, and no damage was
done.

Shanghai is quiet.—Naval Wire-
less.

BAN ON MEDICAL MISSION.

British Government's Reasons.

London, Nov. 14.

In the House of Commons, reply-
ing to Mr. E. Thorne (Labour),
Earl Winterton stated that the
reasons for the Government of
India's refusal of facilities for
the proposed medical mission to
China were:

Firstly, the grant of facilities
for a party of British subjects to
serve even as non-combatants with
one or other of the contending
factions in the civil war in China
would be likely to be construed as
a departure from His Majesty's
Government's attitude of strict
impartiality.

Secondly, in view of His
Majesty's Government causing all
British subjects to be advised to
withdraw from the interior of
China, in order to avoid em-
barrassing incidents, it was im-
possible to allow a considerable
party of British subjects to proceed
to parts of China where such in-
cidents would have been most
likely to occur.—*Reuter.*

HANKOW SITUATION.

Precautionary Measures.

London, Nov. 14.

The latest reports from Hankow
show that although future develop-
ments remain doubtful, the posi-
tion to-day is easier.

The municipal authorities have
barricaded the former British Con-
cession, and the police guarding
it have been considerably re-
inforced.

British residents in the Wuhan
cities have been advised to remove
to within the concession.

In the native city yesterday,
there was considerable disorder,
the panic being increased by fre-
quent shots fired by both the
soldiery and police, and by numer-
ous incendiary fires.

General Ho Chien, who assumed
control after General Tang Seng-
Chi's departure, is stated to be
negotiating terms with the Nan-
king forces, who are on the out-
skirts of the city.—*British Wire-
less.*

BRITISH PROPERTY.

Elementary Right Maintained.

London, Nov. 14.

The landing of British marines
in the Pootung district of Shang-
hai was the subject of a question
in the House of Commons.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said,
"Marines have occupied the British
American Tobacco Company's
factory, and other British property,
at Pootung, for the purpose of pro-
tection, almost continuously since
March last. The guard at the to-
bacco company's factory was with-
drawn in September to other quar-
ters for about ten days. During
this period, a strike broke out, and
the British and Chinese employees
of the company were threatened,
and a lunch belonging to the com-
pany was attacked by strikers. The
guard was therefore replaced at
the request of the British Consul
General. On the thirteenth of
October, the Commissioner for
Foreign Affairs protested against
this replacement, alleging that the
guard had been sent to interfere
in the labour trouble. He was in-
formed, in reply, that they were
there only for purposes of pro-
tection, in accordance with the
policy of the British Government."

Protection of British property is
an elementary right which the
British Government intend to main-
tain in China, wherever possible.
The British Consul General and
General Duncan consider the re-
tention of the guard still essential.
They will not be withdrawn, so
long as danger exists.—*British
Wireless.*

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—
1. (a) A secretion of the liver of the
spermaceti whale lighter than water, of
consistency similar to wax, and having when
heated a fragrant odour; (b) a poisonous
substance green to greenish-blue in colour,
obtained by exposing copper to the air in
contact with acetic acid; (c) a fine white
clay-like substance which, when dry, will
float on water; used for making pipes; (d)
a siliceous mineral found in Canada,
U.S.A., South Africa, and Russia; its value
lies in its high melting point and its low
conductivity to heat. 2. A British dry
measure of capacity, containing four
pecks or eight gallons. 3. (a) The
first Monday in November; (b) Pilschley,
Bremen. 4. A striking exhibition of power or
skill. 5. Participant in the assassination of
Alexander II. of Russia; pension awarded by
the Soviet Government. 6. A wood-symph.
7. (a) Scylla; (b) Gilbert; (c) Cleopatra; (d)
Leda; (e) Castor. 8. Tom Hood, in "Remem-
ber." 9. A Belgian reformer
(1875-1915) burned at the stake. 10. Catherine
of Braganza, daughter of a king of Portugal.

BRITAIN'S AFRICAN
DEPENDENCIES.

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE
ADMINISTRATION.

TOUR OF INSPECTION.

London, Nov. 14.

It was recently announced that
the Government had authorised the
Colonial Secretary to send a Com-
mission to Africa to investigate the
possibility of securing more effec-
tive co-operation between the Gov-
ernments of the Eastern and Cen-
tral African dependencies and to
make recommendations on this and
cognate matters.

The Colonial Secretary has now
constituted the Commission as fol-
lows:—Sir Hilton Young (Chair-
man), Sir Reginald Mait, Sir
George Schuster and Mr. J. H.
Oldham. Mr. Downie, of the
Colonial Office, has been
appointed Secretary.

The Commission will leave Eng-
land on December 22nd and will
travel via the Nile to Uganda and
thence to Kenya, Tanganyika,
Zanzibar, Nyasaland and Northern
Rhodesia, visiting the chief centres
and hearing the views of repre-
sentatives of different sections of the
community. The Commission will
also visit Salisbury for the purpose
of conferring with the Government
of Southern Rhodesia. It will re-
turn from Capetown.

Colonel Walker, Secretary of the
Conference of East African Govern-
ments, will accompany the Commission
on its tour through the Eastern
and Central African dependencies
and will be associated with Mr.
Downie as Local Secretary to the
Commission.

Sir Hilton Young, who is a Con-
servative Member of Parliament,
has been Financial Secretary to the
Treasury and has served on finan-
cial missions for the British Gov-
ernment to India, Poland and Iraq.
Sir Reginald Mait has occupied
many important financial posts in
connection with the Government of
India and was a member of the
Commission on Indian Currency.

Sir George Schuster is Financial
Secretary to the Sudan Government
and is Chairman of the Advisory
Committee to the Colonial Secretary
on East African Loans.

Mr. Oldham is Secretary of the
International Missionary Council
and is a member of the Advisory
Committee at the Colonial Office on
native education in tropical Africa.
—*British Wireless.*

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Mlle. Henkina, the noted
singer, whose selections from
Grand Opera are proving such
a popular feature of the New
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with the Royal Italian Opera
Company, and she has a voice
of great range and beauty.

STOLEN ELECTRICITY.

A SUB-TENANT FINED.

The principal tenant of the
second floor of No. 23 Cooke Street,
charged an occupant of the first
floor, before Mr. W. Schofield at
the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning, with larceny of electric-
ity.

The defendant admitted con-
necting his light to the complain-
ant's wires but said that he had
the permission of the complainant
himself to do so.

This was denied by the com-
plainant.

Sergeant McDonald told his
Worship that the complainant, as
the result of suspicions aroused
by the inexplicable increase of
last month's electric light bill,
kept a watch for several nights
with the result that the defen-
dant was last night seen to con-
nect a wire to the complainant's
mains.

The inmates of the first floor
had no meter installed continued
Sergeant McDonald, and the prin-
cipal tenant would tell the Court
that the defendant had had an
electric light for the past month.

A fine of \$25 or one month's
hard labour in default was im-
posed.

ANTIMONY THEFT
FROM GODOWN.

CHINA PROVIDENT'S
PROSECUTION.

The case concerning the larceny
of 81 slabs of antimony-regulus,
valued at \$625, from the godown
of the China Provident Loan and
Montage Company, at 444 Des
Vœux Road West, was again be-
fore Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Cen-
tral Magistracy this morning,
when a fourth man, who has been
arrested in connection with the af-
fair, was charged with the larceny.

Mr. L. D. Turner is prosecuting
for the Company, the complainant
being the manager, Mr. L. E.
Gutierrez, while Mr. C.A.S. Russ
and Mr. H. Lo are defending two
men charged with conspiracy.

Originally three men were
charged with the larceny and two
with conspiracy, the latter being
allowed bail in \$500 each.

When charged this morning, the
last arrested man admitted the
charge.

Mr. Russ applied for a reduction
of bail, saying that his client was
an honest man with nothing
against him.

Mr. Turner, in opposing, said
that if the defendant was such an
honest man he ought to be able to
raise \$500 for bail.

Mr. Russ remarked that honesty
did not always mean riches.

The application was refused,
and the case was adjourned until
Monday afternoon.

DEATH OF MR. J.
EMSLIE.

FORMER RESIDENT OF
SINGAPORE.

Mr. John Emslie, spirit dealer, 22
Kintore Place, whose home is at 61
Beechgrove Terrace, Aberdeen,
died on October 4 at the residence
of his elder son, Dr. J. A. Simpson
Emslie, Valbrook, Banochry. Mr.
Emslie, who was 66 years of age,
had been in ill-health since
February.

He was a native of Aberdeen, his
father being a shoe-maker in the
town. He served his apprenticeship
with Messrs. J. Abernethy and
Co., engineers, iron-founders, and
boiler makers, Aberdeen, and went
when quite a young man to Ho-
warth and Erskine, Singapore, in
whose service he remained for
about 10 years as foreman moul-
der. Mr. Emslie, who was a good
vocalist, took a prominent part in
amateur dramatic societies at
Singapore, and was a member of
the choir of the Scots Presbyterian
Church.

Returning to Aberdeen, Mr.
Emslie purchased the Rosemount
Bar, 22 Kintore Place, and for
about 28 years he has carried on
business there. For many years
he was a director of the Aberdeen
Excise Licence-Holders' Associa-
tion, and took an active part in
promoting the interests of "the
Trade." Mr. Emslie was of a
genial disposition and was a gen-
erous giver to benevolent causes.
He is survived by his widow, a
daughter, and two sons. The
elder son is a medical practitioner
at Banochry, and the other is
studying medicine at Aberdeen
University.

CANTON TENSION.

(Continued from Page 7.)
Merchants Alarmed.

Canton merchants are alarmed
at the recent high-handedness of
General Wong Ki-cheung, of the
"Ironsides," in his war-prepara-
tions, which include his recent re-
cruiting of the former troops of
Shum Hung-ying, his re-inforce-
ment of the Farmers' Corps along
the East River districts, his keep-
ing in close touch with the dif-
ferent labourers' corps, and his ac-
cepting and enlisting of the re-
mnants of the forces of Yeh Ting
and Ho Lung, the two "Red" gen-
erals who made a fruitless attempt
to capture Swatow some time ago.

That General Wong Ki-cheung
has shown his sympathy with the
East River "Red" farmers' corps
is indicated in the recent outbreak
of this corps at the Haifung, Luk-
fung and Swabue districts, when
troops belonging to General Wong
Ki-cheung are said to have taken
up a non-interfering attitude.

Li Chal-sum has not been idle
on his side, as a Canton report
states that Li has put before the
Canton Military Council an anti-
bandit scheme, in which he pro-
poses that the Village Volunteers
should be well-equipped, with the
assistance of the Canton Govern-
ment, to protect the villages band-
its. However, observers are of
the opinion that General Li is not
so keen on an anti-bandit scheme
as on desiring to clear out the
"Ironsides," and his real motive is
that these volunteers will be so
provided with ammunition that
they may in time prove strong
enough to undertake an encounter
with the Farmers' Corps and la-
bourers' corps of Wong Ki-cheung.

Thus all reports indicate a con-
dition of tension and counter-in-
trigue.

Entertainments

'BEHIND THE FRONT'

WITH
WALLACE BEERY
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